### Reagan: U.S. not seeking war

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan said Sunday's American air raid on Syrian positions in Lebanon did not signal a U.S. desire for a confrontation with Syria but the United States would continue to retaliate if its forces were attacked. "We don't seek" hostilities there. Our mission remains what it was - to help stabilise the situation in Beirut until all the foreign forces can be withdrawn and until the government of Lebanon can take over the authority of its own territory," Mr. Reagan said in a statement. "But we are going to defend our forces there." he added in the statement issued on his return from a weekend at the presidential retreat at Camp David, Maryland. The Pentagon said two U.S. planes were lost the raid but the pilot of one baled out safely and was returned to his ship. Mr. Reagan said there was no solid information about the fate of the two crew members of the second plane but they apparently baied out behind Syrian lines and the United States was attempting to negotiate their release.



### Gemayel leaves Paris after stopover

PARIS (R) - Lebanese President Amin Gemayel left France Sunday after a brief stopover in Paris on his way back from the United States. Lehanese emhassy sources said. The president's arrival was unexpected and French officials said they knew nothing about his visit. The Lebanese embassy sources said Mr. Gemayel's travel arrangements were usually secret. Airport sources said he was met by U.S. officials at Roissy airport north of Paris when he flew in from New York on a scheduled commercial airliner. Mr. Gemayel had been in the U.S. for talks with President Reagan and senior administration officials on the removal of non-Lebanese forces from his country.

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### Three wounded in Sidon ambush

SIDON, Lebanon (R) - An Israeli soldier and two Lebanese civilians were wounded Sunday when a group of armed men hurled hand grenades at an Israeli military convoy on the coastal road south of here, local security sources said. The sources said grenades were thrown as three Israeli trucks and a jeep were passing the A'aqbiyeh crossroads about 10 kilometres from Sidon. Israeli soldiers returned fire with automatic weapons, but the gunmen escaped.

### Egypt urges Israeli pullout

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak Sunday called for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon but made no mention of U.S. bombing raids against Syrian army positions in central Lebanon earlier Sunday. Speaking at a banquet in honour of Niger's President Seyni Kountche. Mr. Mubarak said: "Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon is necessary to enable the legitimate Lebanese government to exercise its authority far from any outside influences.

### Luce, Khaddam hold talks

DAMASCUS (R) - British Minister of State in the Foreign Office Richard Luce and Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Hafim Khaddam held talks Sunday on the Lebanese crisis and the Middle East situation, the official Syrian news agency said. It added the two officials also reviewed bilateral relations, but gave no further details.

Mr. Luce, who arrived in Damuscus Saturday, visited other countries in the region last month.

### 3 sentenced to death in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD(R) — A Pakistani military court has sentenced to death three alleged members of an anti-government guerrilla group, official sources said Sunday. They said the court, which announced the sentence Saturday in Lahore. capital of Punjab province, found the three men guilty of killing a police constable when he was trying to arrest them in December

### 43 nations to attend Namedia

NEW DELHI (R) - Delegates from 43 non-aligned countries will take part in a conference on the media starting in New Delhi on Dec. 9, the Press Trust of India said Sunday. It quoted Nikhil Chakravartty, one of the organisers of the four-day meeting named Namedia, as saying the conference would discuss ways to achieve self-reliance in fields related to information gathering and communications

### Iraq, Mitsubishi sign \$50m contract

BAGHDAD (R) - Iraq and Milsubishi Heavy Industries of Japan signed three contracts Sunday worth some \$50 million, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported

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# Syrians shoot down 2 U.S. jets

BEIRUT (R) — Waves of U.S. navy planes from carriers in the Eastern Mediterranean Sunday attacked Syrian army positions in the central mountains of Lebanon and two bombers were shot down by Syrian air def-

Eyewitnesses said one airman was killed when he parachuted from his stricken aircraft and a second taken prisoner by the Syrian army. A third bailed out safely into the sea.

This was the first air raid by the United States against targets in Lebanon since American Marines landed here in September last year as part of a four-nation peace

Twenty-eight bombers from the aircraft carriers John F. Kennedy and Independence struck at Syrian anti-aircraft bases in the mountains east of the capital at 8 a.m. (0600 GMT), the Defence Department said.

In Damascus, a Syrian military spokesman said Syrian air defences knocked out three U.S. pla-

But the United States admitted the loss of only two - a single-seat A-7 "Corsair" which crashed into a coastal town north of Beirut and a two-crew A-6 "Intruder" downed near the mountain village of Kfar Salwan.

Western diplomats said they believed the two aircraft to be the first U.S. fighter-bombers lost in combat since the Vietnam war ended in 1975.

part of joint

TEL AVIV(R) -- U.S. and Israeli

air raids on Syrian-held positions

in Lebanon this weekend are part

of a joint campaign to fight Syria's

presence in Lebanon, a senior Isr-

After a long cabinet meeting,

government secretary Dan Mer-

idor denied however that Sun-

day's attack by U.S. navy bombers

and Saturday's Israeli raid were

The senior official, who asked

not be named, told reporters Isr-

ael and the United States agreed

on the need to build a powerful

central government in Lebanon

and that Syria and Palestinian

guerrillas were the main obstacles

The air attacks came within 48

hours of Prime Minister Yitzhak

Shamir's return from Washington,

where he held talks on strategic

cooperation with the United Sta-

U.S. officials have said the new

close ties with Israel contain a

message to Damascus and Mos-

day that if details of a new U.S .-

Israeli strategic co-operation pact

were correct, it would be dis-

astrous for the Middle East peace

He told reporters after three-

and-half hours of talks with Pre-

sident Seyni Kountche of Niger:

"If true, this kind of strategie

co-operation would be disastrous

to the Middle East peace pro-

"It will undermine the peace

process and put America's friends

in a difficult position. I hope it is

Asked whether such an agr-

eement would encourage further

Israeli military operations in the region, he said: "Of course."

hington last week by President

Ronald Reagan and Israeli Prime

Minister Yitzhak Shamir includes

the creation of a joint group to

work out, among other things,

combined planning, joint exe-

reises and the stockpilling of U.S.

Mr. Mubarak declined to ans-

wer questions on Sunday's Ame-

rican attack on Syrian anti-aircraft

positions in the central Lebanese

equipment in Israel.

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U.S.-Israel

campaign'

'Raids are

The Corsair's pilot bailed out into the sea and was picked up by the Lebanese army. Lebanese military sources said he was bruised and had a hand wound. He was returned to the ships of the Sixth Fleet off the coast.

Eyewitnesses in Kfar Salwan, 25 kilometres east of Beirut, said one of the Intruder's two-man crew died from injuries received

when he parachuted to earth. The second broke his leg and was captured. He was taken away by Syrian troops for treatment, the eyewitnesses said.

A defence Department statement listed both men as missing, and a U.S. Marine spokesman in Beirut said he had no comment on the eyewitness reports.

### 2 dead, 8 injured

The Syrian military spokesman said only that one pilot was captured during the bombing raids on six Syrian-held areas along the Beirut-Damascus highway and

istians could spend Christmas with

Lebanese Christian leaders

Lifting of the siege of the town

of Deir Al Qamar, surrounded

since the height of last summer's

mountain war, was announced at a

news conference by a spokesman for Druze leader Walid Junblatt.

Fuad Salman, secretary-general

of the mainly-Druze Progressive

sons, would allow the besieged

for Christmas and New Year's.

But Christians elsewhere in

Lebanon said most of the people

of Deir Al Qamar, its population

swollen by thousands of refugees

from nearby Christian villages

overrun by the Druze, would find

it impossible to return to their

Former Lebanese President

Camille Chamoun. a Maronite

Christian and native of Deir Al

Referring to the embattled lea-

der of the Palestine Liberation

Organisation (PLO), Yasser Ara-

fat, Mr. Mubarak said he pre-

ferred that Mr. Arafat go to Jor-dan for talks with King Hussein on

President Reagan's Middle East

This envisages Palestinian self-

rule in the occupied West Bank

and Gaza Strip in association with

Jordan, but has been rejected by

Baz briefed in U.S.

Kamai Hassan Ali told reporters

later Sunday that Mr. Mubarak's

political adviser, Osama Al Baz,

was briefed by U.S. Secretary of

State George Shultz and special

Middle East envoy Donald Rum-

sfeld on the U.S.-Israeli pact dur-

ing a two-hour meeting in Was-

Calling for "self restraint," Mr.

Ali said Egypt was following the

situation closely "after the esc-

alation of the military situation in

Egypt is the second largest rec-

ipient of U.S. aid in the world after

hington Saturday.

Egyptian Foreign Minister

homes.

peace plan.

Mubarak: U.S.-Israeli

accord would be disaster

CAIRO (R) --- Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said Sunther details of the raid.

welcomed the move but asked:

their families and friends.

"Where are they to go?"

Druze to lift seige

of Deir Al Qamar

of a three-month-old siege of a other place for them in go.
Chrisuan enclave in the Shouf "What interests me is the

BEIRUT (R) - The Druze mil- Qamar, said: "Not everyone can

itia Sunday announced the lifting leave the town since there is no

mountains so that 20,000 Chr- of those in Deir Al Qamar and

Socialist Party (PSP), said the dec-start as soon as the Red Cross sig-

Christians to meet their families ping the Christians alive - during

ision, taken for humanitarian rea- nalled it was ready.

the Metn mountains to the north. Syrian casualties were two dead and eight injured with the loss of a vehicle and an ammunition store,

# Twenty-eight American planes attack central Lebanese mountain positions

The downed Corsair crashed into the from garden of a twostorey house in the town of Zouk Mkayel 15 kilometres north of

Six 10 eight people were injured, army officers on the scene

A milida official in the mountains said the planes stayed in the area for about 45 minutes,

the main Druze fighting force in the area, said the planes bombed

He said there was a hail of antiaircraft fire and a few missiles were fired at them.

They left the area and circled over Beirut for Ill minutes before returning again for another 1(t minutes," he told Reuters by telephone from the Druze town of

Aley, east of Beirut,
"They seemed to be looking to find out what happened to the two planes they lost.'

Beirut, Major Dennis Brooks,

"What interests me is the safety

maintaining food, medical and

fuel supplies before the winter

The PSP said it would call upon

the International Committee of

Red Cross to help organise the

movement of Christians from the

besieged town during a 1tt-day

In answer to a question. Mr.

The Red Cross has been kee-

an exceptionally mild autumn -

by bringing convoys of food and

medicines through Druze territory

to the besieged town, about 4th

kilometres southeast of Beirut.

As Druze fighters rightened the

pincers during this summer's war.

Christian militiamen of the "Leb-

anese Forces" also withdrew to

Deir Al Qamar, which had a pre-

war population of only a few tho-

Trudeau ends

KUWAIT(R) — Canadian Prime

Minister Pierre Trudeau left

Kuwait Sunday at the end of a

five-day Gulf tour seeking support

for his peace initiative and exp-

Mr. Trudeau has put forward

proposals for easing world ten-

sion, calling for direct talks among

the nuclear powers, the United

States, the Soviet Union, France,

He told reporters at a press con-

ference Saturday night the ove-

rriding opinion of European,

Commonwealth. Chinese and

Gulf leaders whom he had met

since launching his initiative in

October was that nuclear dis-

armament must begin with the

United States and the Soviet

He said the next step in his

peace campaign would be to put

more pressure on Washington and

Moscow to make progress in arms

Before leaving Kuwait, Mr.

Trudeau met members of the

Kuwait Chamber of Commerce

and representatives of the Kuwait

Investment Company to seek their

help in increasing investment in

Canada and encouraging the set-

ting up of joint ventures, trade

anding bilateral relations.

Britain and China.

Union.

reduction talks.

tour of Gulf

Salman said the operation could

period so they could be with rel-

season gets colder."

atives by Christmas.

said only Corsairs and Intruders nberger said: "This is a defensive were involved in the raid. Both aircraft are relatively slow ground reconnaissance that has to be conattack aircraft designed to carry a

heavy load of bombs. Maj. Brooks said the 1.500- risal. strong U.S. Marine contingent in the multinational force in Beirut

In Washington, the Defence Department said the strikes were in response to Syrian fire against U.S. reconnaissance missions over Lebanon Saturday. It said the Syrians opened up with anti-aircraft

guns and at least 10 surface-to-air missiles on two F-14 fighters. "This attack on U.S. reconnaissance aircraft represents a serious and deliberate threat to the multinational peacekeeping

mission," the Pentagon said. In Paris, U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger promised more attacks if Syria continued to fire on U.S. reconnaissance missions over the

Mr. Weinberger, in Paris for talks with officials before attending a NATO meeting this week in Brussels, called the U.S. air strike defensive in nature.

Asked if Sunday's raid was in retaliation for a suicide bomb attack in October on U.S. Marine ressive policy of the United States

ducted virtually every day in this kind of situation, and is not a rep-

Asked if there might be more raids, he replied: "I hope there had gone on alert following the, will not be any more reconnaissance planes fired upon. but the rationale for this attack this morning would hold in the event that American planes doing defensive reconnaissance were fired

> In Damascus, Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam called for international and Arab action against what he called America's aggressive policy in Lebanon and the Middle East.

Mr. Khaddam's appeal was made in messages to U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar. Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi. Organisation of Islamic Conference Secretary-General Habib Chatti, and Indian Foreign Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao, as chairman of the Non-Aligned Mov-

"I am sending these messages ... and urging you to undertake necessary measures to stop the aggheadquarters in Beirut, Mr. Wei- in Lebanon and the Middle East."

### King, Turkish leader review mutual issues

King Hussein and Turkish President Kenan Evren held talks at the Army Headquarters in Amman Sunday on a number of issues of mutual concern to Jordan and Turkey.

Both leaders later heard a briefing on the Jordanian Armed Forces and their responsibilities and duties. King Hussein also accompanied President Evren to the Muwaffaq Saln Air Base and were briefed on the duties of its personnel. They toured the base and watched take-off exercises by fig-

Later, they visited the Fifth Royal Armoured Division and inspected a military exhibition displaying various types of weapons including the Tareq Ibn Ziyad tank which was modified in Jordan. The tour included a visit to the division's field hospital and front-line positions of the 12th Royal Mechanised Division whose commander presented a briefing on the troops' duties and responsibilities.

hter planes.

The two leaders were accompanied by Court Minister Amer Khammash, Armed Forces

AMMAN (J.T.) - His Majesty Commander-in-Chief Li.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and other officials as well as an official Turkish delegation accompanying President Evren.

### Co-operation agreement signed

Jordan and Turkey signed an agreement Sunday on economic. industrial and technical cooperation. The agreement is designed to boost bilateral cooperation in joint projects, and construction work and also provides for co-operation in trade. banking operations, tourism, transport, public works, building of fishing boats and transport as well as the exchange of expertise and rechnicians visits.

The agreement was signed for Jordan by Vlinister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour and for Turkey by Foreign Minister Ilter Lurkmen.

Both sides agreed that a joint Jordanian-Furkish committee, set up under the provisions of an agrcement signed in 1980, will follow up the implementation of the new

### Badran holds discussions with Hungarian minister

ster Mudar Badran discussed in his office Sunday with Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Varkonyi ways of bolstering co-operation between Hungary and Jordan.

Earlier, the Hungarian minister met with Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Hassan Ibrahim who presented a briefing on the general conditions of Arab inhabitants under Israeli occupation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and spoke about Isr- icials.

AMMAN (J.T.) - Prime Min- ael's arbitrary practices in the occupied lands, the Jordanian News -Agency, Petra, said.

> The Hungarian minister reiterated his country's support for the rights of the Palesunian people and their rights in their homeland. Later on Sunday, Mr. Varkonyi

> left Amman and was seen off at the airport hy Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem and senior off-

# Arafat wants to move headquarters to Cairo

as saying he would like to move his

headquarters to Egypt. Mr. Arafat, chairman of the protection of the U.N. flag. Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) said in an interview with the weekly political review Rose Al Youssef: "I wish I could move

my headquarters to Cairo." Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak told reporters Saturday Mr. Arafai was welcome to come to Cairo, but government officials here doubted that this implied the in the Egyptian capital. "We welcome Arafat in Cairo. We have no objection against him visiting us."

Mr. Mubarak said. Mr. Arafat is under siege in the north Lebauese port of Tripoli by Syrian-backed Palestinian rebels. Egypt, which signed a separate peace treaty with Israel in 1979. has repeatedly said it was only prepared to host Palestinian fighters as part of an overall settlement of the Middle East con-

The PLO and most Arab countries severed relations with Egypt after 1979, but Mr. Arafat told the weekly magazine that he had been in close contact with Mr. ces struck back, the statement

Mubarak recently. "We have both agreed that the current conspiracy against the Palestinian revolution is detrimental not only to the Palestinian people but the entire (Middle East) region." Mr. Arafat

Pullout looms closer

Meanwhile, Mr. Arafat and Tripoli hy Syrian-backed rebels, sided Saturday evening.

for Moscow to disclose news of its

leader's health unless this affected

an official visit. West German

Chancellor Helmut Kohl was told

just before his Moscow visit in July

CAIRO (R) - Palestinian leader appeared closer to leaving Sat-Yasser Arafat was quoted Sunday urday night after the United Nations Security Council agreed to let them depart under the symbolic

The U.N. flag was one of the guarantees the PLO chairman had requested as a condition for withdrawing his forces from the north Lebanese port.

U.N. delegates said the lovalists were expected to sail to Tunisia and North Yemen in vessels provided by Saudi Arabia.

U.N. Secretary-General Javier setting up of a PLO headquarters Perez de Cuellar said he understood there would be about five ships to transport up to 4,000 men carrying personal weapons only.

In another sign of movement toward resolution of the monthold war between rival Palestinian forces. Arafai aides said they were drawing up lists of those who would leave. They said they were pleased the

15-nation Security Council had agreed but it did not mean a departure was imminent. There were at least two obs-

tacles to early withdrawal and they were still waiting for clarification from Lebanese negotiators mediating between Arafat supporters and the rebels, they added.

Mr. Arafat's aides said they sought clarification of plans for some 1,000 fighters without links to any Arab country other than 1 chanon and who would be left in control of two rebel-held refugee camps just north of the city.

Mr. Arafat said Saturday the Syrians were massing forces around Tripoli and appeared intent on continuing to attack. Sporadic morrar and small arms

4,tunt loyal guerrillas, trapped in fire erupted over the city but sub-

# Andropov recovering from illness, Soviets tell Bonn

said.

BONN (R) - The Soviet Union has told West Germany that Kremlin leader Yuri Andropov is recovering from illness, in what diplomats see as a move to ease rec-

ent uncertainties over his position. The Bonn government Sunday Boenisch as saying Mr. And-

ropov's health had improved.

time of tension between Bonn and in West Germany. The missiles, to be aimed at the Soviet Union, are "The Soviets have told me that seen by the Kremlin as part of a

Diplomats said it was unusual

that Mr. Andropov would miss their first day of scheduled mee-

received a letter from Mr. Andropov indicating Moscow was ready to review its decision last month to hreak off its Geneva talks with the U.S. on limiting Europe are withdrawn.

The Dutch government gained a similar impression from a letter it received.

But the Sovie: Communist Party daily Pravda said the interpretation was a "shameless deception."

Moscow has indicated it will not return to the two-year-old Geneva talks until new U.S. mediumrange missiles that have arrived in

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Eyewimesses said the plane. trailing smoke, came in from the north and the pilot. Commander Edward Andrews, 41, splashed down in the sea with a red parachute.

Yasser Haidar, an official of the Progressive Socialist Party (PSP).

in groups of four or five,

Marines on alert The U.S. Marine spokesman in

# Hussein chats with Columbia astronaut

HOUSTON (R) - Astronaut Owen Garriott, 216 kilometres above the Middle East in the space shuttle Columbia, took time out Sunday to chat to King Hussein, like him an amateur radio enthusiast.

"I just passed over the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aqaba," said Mr. Carriott using his radin during spare time between his 12 hour shifts on the space shuttle.

"I'm looking down at your country right at this time, Sir," astronaut said. "I, Sir, am very, very happy to hear you loud and clear... in

Amman," replied King Husseln. King Hussein and Mr. Garriott are two of more than 1.5 million radio amateurs in the world beensed to conduct two-way short wave radio communication.

After Mr. Garriott told King Hussein that Amman was a "fantastic view" from the space shuttle, the King replied: "Thank you very, very much indeed for this very exciting report about Jordan and what

you can see from up there. "We're very, very proud, very happy indeed to send you and your colleagues — from all my countrymen and myself — all our very, very best for a most successful mission," the King said.

### Space shuttle flight extended by one day, page 8 Civilians reported killed in inter-Lebanese shelling

BEIRUT (R) — An unknown "Our shelling is not directed at number of civlians were killed or them (civilians)." it said in a stawounded Sunday during battles tement, "but at the aliens who between Druze and predominantly Christian rightist milin as over a broad area of coast and mountain south of Beirut, residents and radio stations reported. Heavy exchanges of mortar. rocket and artillery fire raged throughout the day around villages in

the Kharroub region 20 to 30 kilometres from Beirut. The death and injury toll was not known, but both statecontrolled television and the Falangist "Voice of Lebanon" radio

spoke of civilian casualties. The unusually heavy bombardments came on the day the Druze militia annunced it was lifting a three-month-old siege of the Shouf mountain town of Deir Al Oamar so that Christians could spend Christmas and the New

Year with relatives. The rightist militia, known as the "Lebanese Forces," warned fifth day. Schools have been shut civilians to keep away from Druze military positions.

for more than a week in east Beirut and elsewhere.

Radio said.

confirmed a newspaper report. Moscow over the recent arrival of quoting chief spokesman Peter new U.S. Pershing-2 nuclear arms

Andropov will probably resume first-strike force. his duties on Dec. 111," Mr. Boe-

cow has said only that he had a cold The announcement came at a

Mr. Andropov, 69, has not been

seen in public since August. Mos-

occupy the province and attack its

peaceful villages and use them as a

base for their attacks without any

It named Itt villages in the Kha-

rroub region which it said had

come under continuous mortar

and rocket attack for several

hours. Civilians were killed and

wounded and a number of houses

Because of this the righust for-

In the Shouf mountains above

Beirut the Lebanese army and

Druze militamen exchanged art-

illery and rocket fire throughout

much of the day, state-run Beirut

Because of the continuing bre-

akdown in what the Lebanese call

"the security situation," Beirut

airport remained closed for the

inhibition."

destroyed, it said.

tings because of illness. Mr. Kohl said last week he had

# VIID BIR ELEMS

# Officials meet ahead of Islamic foreign ministers' conference

DHAKA (R) — Official delegations from across the Muslim world started talks here Sunday ahead of a five-day conference of Islamic foreign ministers opening on Tuesday.

The officials of the 42-member of the Organisation of Islamic Conference will prepare the agenda for the meeting, which precedes an Islamic summit to be held in Morocco next month.

Restoring unity within the ranks of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) is expected to be a top item, while the conference will also probably discuss the three-year-old Gulf war and the Cyprus issue.

Members are divided on their approach to the Nov. 15 declaration of independence by the northern half of Cyprus. Some would like the conference to recognise the self-proclaimed rep-ublic in the Turkish part of the divided island, but others told

the controversy.

All will unite in calling for an immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon and in condemning the Israeli-U.S. strategic cooperation agreement announced in Washington during a visit by Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir.

OIC Secretary-General Habib Chatti, who is due to arrive here Monday, has criticised the accord as consultuting a major threat to the Arab and Islamic nations.

Conference organisers are underlining the economic issues to be discussed, including trade expansion among Muslim countries, agricultural development in the Islamic world and assistance to fel-

low members by the richer states. to consider ways of forging greater OIC members include some of unity among Muslim countries. the world's poorest nations, such as hosts Bangladesh and Sudan, Gen. Hossain Mohammad Ers-

Africa's largest state. For Bangladesh the conference odless coup in March last year, will Reuters they wanted to stay out of is important as the first such int- open the conference on Tuesday. ernational gathering Dhaka has hosted since the country of some 95 million people won independence from Pakistan in 1971. Security for the conference is ught following anu-governmens

nots in Dhaka and the country's main port of Chittagong several days ago. Troops and police have sealed off the conference venue and two parliament building - an expof the capital's luxury hotels ansive and elegant structure of red

where the delegations are staying. but a curfew imposed after the trouble has now been relaxed to just five hours during the night. The government-owned Ban-

Roads to the complex are decorated with flags and colourful ceremonial arches, while orggladesh Observer in an editorial anisers have erected hoardings welcomed the Islamic delegates along the route carrying quoand called on the foreign ministers tations from the Koran.

# Denktash's envoy arrives in Dhaka to seek support for new state

here to get the support of Muslim

"The Turkish Cyprious need the

support of Muslim countries and

we want to tell our Muslim bro-

thers that we seek peace and want

The northern half of the divided

Mediterranean island issued its

unilateral declaration of ind-

ependence in mid-November.

Most countries have condemned

the move and only Turkey has

countries.

declaring independence. We came meetings.

DHAKA (R) — The foreign min-ister of the self-proclaimed republic of northern Cyprus arrived here Sunday ahead of a five-day meeting of Muslim nations to seek Islamic support for the new state, so far recognised only by Turkey.

A government spokesman said Kenal Atakol was met at Dhaka Airport by Bangladeshi Foreign Minister A.R. Shams-Ud Doha.

The spokesman said he was not sure whether Mr. Atakol would be allowed to address the meeting of Islamic foreign ministers, which

starts on Tuesday. Senior officials of the Organisation of Islamic Conference OICI which groups 40 states plus the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), were meeting to work out the agenda for the ministerial talks.

HARARE (R) — Zimbabwe Foreign Minister Witness Man-

gwende has criticised unnamed

powers for fomenting discord in

the Palestine Liberation Org-

"We are aware that some pow-

ers, which are opposed to the lib-eration of Palestine for their own

self-interests, are directly sowing

seeds of discontent within the

PLO ranks." he told a PLO sol-

idarity meeting in Harare.

Zimbabwe

backs PLO

anisation (PLO).

### finding a way to help restore unity within the PLO. The conference recognised the new entity. It was not immediately clear on what basis Mr. Atakol had arrived will also probably discuss the sitin Dhaka and whether he was a uation in Cyprus and ways of endguest of the Bangladeshi gov- ing ernment. But the Bangladeshi war, ing the three-year-old iran-iraq

anese President Amin Gemayel ards restoring Lebanon's sov- ernationally recognised bouereignry during his three days of ndaries." he said.

Mr. Gemayel. in a statement made just before he left Washington to return to Beirut, said the major topic of the talks was how to secure the removal of all

Mr. Mangwende, pledging Zimbabwean support for Palestinians, appealed to them to unite under PLO chairman Yasser

toration of its sovereignty over all said that progress was made tow- its lerritory within its int-

government spokesman said the

Mr. Atakol was quoted by the

Bangladeshi news agency BSS as

saying: "We are ready to extend

our peaceful hands to negotiate on

equal terms (with the Greek Cyp-

riots; to set up a bi-communal and bi-zonal federal republic.

Now everything depends on the sincerity of the other parties

A top item on the agenda for the

foreign ministers is expected to be

shape in Geneva."

Secretary of State George We have in this visit reviewed Shultz was present as Mr. Gemthe mechanisms and the con-ditions that will lead to the lib-no comments.

### of his talks in U.S. WASHINGTON (R) - Leb- eration of Lebanon and to the res-

Gemayel accepts results

Speaking to newsmen on arr-ival, Mr. Atakol said: "We came Turkish Cypriot community had

here to explain the reasons of our sent observers to previous Islamic

involved."

talks with President Reagan and other U.S. officials.

non-Lebanese forces from Leb-

He said the Lebanese people

were determined to continue "the process of dialogue, reconciliation and reforms which took positive

Mr. Gemayel said the United States fully supported his goals.

# Egypt likely to lose trade war spoils

By Hamza Hendawi

CAIRO - Egypt, which has fed its 46 million people for most of 1983 on cheap American wheat flour, now faces the prospect of higher bills for huge wheat and

flour imports.
The Egyptian government. which subsidises, bread so much that a loaf is literally cheaper than chicken feed, imports more than

at 4.2 and 1.3 million tonnes a an attempt to win back part of the vear and it is the world's number one importer of wheat flour.

Earlier this year, the country became a battleground for trade rivalries between the United States and the European Community over subsidised food exports.

The U.S. pushed the Europeans out of the Egyptian market by offering to export one million tonnes of flour at a price believed in the market to have been set as much as \$30 a tonne below world prices. But the last shipment of subsidised American flour arrived

late in September, according to Western diplomats. They add there is little chance of further bargain deals from Washington

After recent record harvests, the U.S. for the purchase of 1.2 the U.S. Department of Agr-million tonnes of wheat to be bou- cken feed.

iculture (USDA) reported the ght under special arrangements

munity increased its export sub-

increased by nearly 10 per cent. Egypt's minister of supply and internal trade, Nagi Shatla, told Reuters that Egypt was nearing agreement on the import of about

He added that the government had lined up 85 per cent of the 4.2

million tonnes of wheat it will Two million tonnes will come

by industry sources as worth some. \$318 million.

Mr. Shatla said his country was expected to conclude a deal with

provoked widespread rioting.

American crop fell this year by and Washington's food surplus tonnes would come from France. Egypt would shop for the rest in

the U.S. and Canadian markets or through international tenders, he

While acknowledging food imports were a burden on Egypt, Mr. Shatla also complained that a

sources here say the subsidy was said the government planned to build a series of 100,000-tonne silos in various ports and pop-

Another burden on the treasury is the cost of subsidising bread. Mr. Shatla estimated that waste and over-consumption caused by low bread prices cost over \$1 bil-

The late President Anwar Sadat tried to tackle the problem by inc-

reasing bread prices in 1977, but (about 1.2 U.S. cents) and President Hosni Mubarak recently

A loaf still costs one piastre feeding bread to chickens because il was cheaper than proper chi-

### Bourguiba's wife visits newly freed **Palestinians**

TUNIS (R) - Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba's wife went to Algiers to visit Palestinians recently freed by Israel in a swep of prisoners, the Tunisian news age-

Wassila Bourguiba, who plays a major role in Tumsian politics and is a strong supporter of the Palestinian cause, was influential in Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat choosing Tunis as his headquarters

after being evacuated from Beirut. Mrs. Bourguibu said at the airport her visit was in line with Tun-isia's strong support for the Palestinian cause and its only and leg-itimate representative, the PLO

Mrs. Bourguiba, accompanied by Defence Minister Slaheddine

Baly, said she would also have contacts with Algerian officials. Relations between Algeria and Tunisia have grown very close recently and Algerian Prime Minister Mohamed Ben Ahmed Abdelghani signed agreements for three new joint economic ventures during a visit to Tunis last week.

### Reagan plan cancelled out. Iraq says

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq said Sunday the latest U.S.-Israeli rapprochement cancelled out President Reagan's 1982 Middle East peace plan and blocked the road towards U.S. involvement in peace efforts.

Commenting on the new U.S.-Israeli cooperation, the official daily Al-Thawra said it showed that American bias against the Arab nations was increasing.

"America has now become an overt enemy of the Arab Nation and not a mere ally of our Zionist enemy," the paper said.

"The accord between Reagan and (Israeli Prime Minister) Shamir has completely blocked the road leading to any possibility of resorting to the U.S. for achieving a just solution (in the Middle East!" if said.

"This means the U.S. has become a direct and overt partner of the Zionist entity in any future aggression on the Arab Nation." il

# harmlessly in S. Lebanon

ualties. Israeli military officials said.

loded in eight days. One slightly wounded an Israeli soldier.

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### **U.N.** troops in Cyprus maintain impartiality amidst new tension By Michael Sheridan

NICOSIA (R) - Lieutenani Leif Andersson, a policeman in his native Stockholm, peered through binoculars at the Turkish soldiers a few hundred metres from his United Nations post and murmered: 'All quiet - very quiet."

Lt. Andersson, a reservist platoon commander of Swedish troops serving with the seven-nation U.N. Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNIFCYP), was touring his men's positions along the line between Turkish and Greek-Cyprior troops on the divided island. It is a routine day, but the quiet efficiency of the U.N. operation could be thrown out of gear on Dec. 15.

That's when its mandate comes up for renewal and Turkish-Cypriot community leader Rauf Denktash has called for "a rev-

iew" of its role. Mr. Denktash, self-proclaimed president of the internationally condemned "Turkish republic of north Cycrus", says the countries whose men are in the force -Sweden, Britain, Canada, Austria. Ireland, Denmark and Finland should not take sides in the island

dispute. Mr. Denktash proclaimed the Turkish northern sector of Cyprus an independent republic last Nov.

15 in defiance of U.N. resolutions. It is recognised only by Turkey. All the countries contributing to the force have either publicly branded the move illegal or made their disapproval known through

diplomanc means. Lt. Andersson and his men along the thin line between Mr. Denkiash's "state" and the Greek-Cypnot sector remain stu-

diously impartial.

trigger a conflict. On a lonely blue-painted watman's-land, privates Tommy Bing Typically of the drawn-out quaand Magnus Hagberg scan the rolling countryside stretching to the jagged Kyrenia mountain range in

the north. On one side, a dun-coloured ediately, earth line marks the Turkish trenches, on the other Greek- sidering the taking of sides by the Cypriot soldiers can be seen lol-

ling at their sentry positions. Right in the middle, a Greek-Cypriot shephered unconcernedly watches his flock grazing just on the Greek-Cypriot side of the dirt track that marks the half-way point between the two.

Occasionally, the Swedes hear the rumble of artillery like distant thunder as one or other side stages gunnery practice or the rattle of machine-gun fire in exercise ran-

Each such incident, every plane asmitted to U.N. headquarters in downtown Nicosia.

It is a system that has worked well since the shooting stopped after the 1974 Turkish invasion and the U.N. troops moved in

along the ceasefire line. There are now 2,350 of them, some 7000 of them permanently on the Turkish side. All move freely

along the line between Turkish and Greek-Cypriot positions. But since Mr. Denktash's unilateral declaration of independence, passions have been roused on both sides. Britain. Turkey and Greece are the three peacekeepers are going metguarantor powers of the island hodically about their task as usual Their job is to record military under a 1960 agreement but Ath- and few believe they will leave.

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activity on both sides, police the; ens has said it will not sit at the strip of land and try to prevent or same table with Turkey to talk defuse any incident which could about the new move.

So, just as the U.N. role has become more critical, Mr. Denchrower in the middle of no- ktash has cast doubt on its future. rrel, his is a complex position.

Last Nov. 26, Mr. Denktash said: "We ar not asking the U.N. to leave our territories imm-"But we are seriously con-

countries which contribute to UNIFCYP. We want them to stay impartial in the Cyprus dispute." Mr. Denktash said that since the U.N. recognised only the Greek-Cypriot administration as the government of Cyprus, its men were

therefore only "guests" in the Turkish-occupied sector. "We will continue to consider them as guests provided certain points are cleared up. Otherwise they cannot be deployed and they

cannot serve in our area." he said. So far, the Turkish-Cypriot leamovement by either side is scr- ctly what he wants but he has effupulously recorded and tra- ectively served notice that the peacekeepers have become part of

the political issue. Diplomats here read Mr. Denktash's statement as an annoyed response to the successful Cyprus government diplomatic drive for international support after the north's independence move. They say it is still unclear how his announcement will affect the mandate

renewal. The United Nations usually takes account of the views of both sides in peace-keeping operations. As Dec. 15 draws near, nerves in Nicosia are getting edgy, but the

# tight in Bangladesh

Security

Bangladesh's military ruler Lt.

had, who took power in a blo-

Bangladesh, which is classified

as one of the world's least dev-

eloped nations with an average

per capita income of just \$120 a

year, has spent around \$10 million

on preparing for the gathering.

renovating buildings, widening

It is being held in Dhaka's new

brick, concrete and white marble

set next to an artificial lake.

roads and sprucing up streets.

CHITTAGONG, Bangladesh (R) - Security measures were visibly tightened in Bangladesh's main port city of Chittagong as delegations from across the Islamic world gathered in the capital of

Police and troop patrols inc-reased, and security forces sandbagged the port and key entrances to Chittagong. Police barricaded several areas,

and paramilitary units took up positions on rooftops. Although no reason was given for the steps, the government wants to avoid trouble during the conference, the first major international meeting Bangladesh has hosted since gaining independence in 1971.

Both Dhaka and Chittagong vere placed under curfew several days ago after anti-government clashes in which at least six people died and 500 were injured. 600 people during the violence.

They detained various prominent

opposition figures who are cam-

paigning for parliamentary elections and a quick end to martial Among them were the widow of assassinated President Ziaur Rahman, Begum Khalnda Ziagn who heads the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, and the daughter of late President Mujibur Rahman,

the Awami League. A 15-party alliance headed by Sheikh Hasina called for a general strike on Dec. 20 in Dhaka to protest against action by security forces in Chittagong in which two people were killed last Wed-

Sheikh Hasina Wazed, who leads

### more than 10 million tonnes to programme. Another 500,000 65.5 million tonnes because of the worst heatwave in 30 years and

half its food requirements.

next year.

government efforts to curb excessive production. USDA officials have said that

government-owned stocks are now too low to sustain further subsidised deals. However, the European Com-

Wheat and flour purchases run sidy on wheat flour last month in

400,000 tonnes of flour from West European producers, mainly Fra-

need next year. from Australia in a deal estimated

record amount of food was lost after arrival because of inadequate storage facilities. He declined to say how much Egyptian market. Community rotted or was eaten by rats, but

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complained that farmers were

**Bomb explodes** 

SIDON, Lebanon (R) - Guerrillas planted a bomb on the main coastal highway in Israeli-held South Lebanon Saturday night but it exploded without causing cas-

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WHAT'S GOING ON **TODAY'S EVENTS** 

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" "Alistair Cooke's America: The New Found Land" at the American Centre at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. **CULTURAL-CENTRES** American Centre Library ....... 41520 British Council ...... French Cultural Centre ...... .. 37009 

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MUSEUMS Folkiore Maneura: Jewelry and cos-tumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760. Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the ambusines of Jordan. Jahal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

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Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists
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from most of the Mustim Countries and a collection of paintings by 19th - ntury orientalist artists. Muntazah, Jabal Luweibich, Opening hours: 10:00 a.m. 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 30128.

Martyre' Memorial (Military Memoria): Collection of military memorabilia dat-ing from the Arab Revolt of 1916.

sports City, Annuan, Opening hours 9 a.m.4 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 66424U Popular Life of Jordan Moncone: 100 to 150 year old hems such as costumes, weapons, musical instruments, etc. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays, Tel. 37169.

SERVICE CLUBS Lious Annuan Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Tyche Hotel. 1.30 p.m.

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### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

### Government offices to close Dec. 17

AMMAN — All government departments and public institutions will close Saturday Dec. 17 on the anniversary of the birthday of the Prophet Mohammad, according to a communique issued by the Prime Ministry Sunday. It said that all government departments should hold religious ceremonies to mark the occasion.

### Odeh, Lawzi to attend agri fund

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AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan will take part in the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) board of governors meeting scheduled to be beld in Rome from December 5 to 9. Jordan will be represented at the meeting by National Planning Council (NPC) President Hanna Odeh, who is a governor of the fund, and Ministry of Agriculture Under-Secretray Salem Al Lawzi in his capacity as a deputy governor. The Jordanian delegation is due to leave for Rome Monday.

### Noor set to open centre for handicapped

AMMAN | Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Nonr will open Saturday Al Raja'a centre for the rehabilitation of the handicapped bere. The centre was established by the Queen Alia Jordan Welfare Fund (QAJWF) with assistance from Qatar. The centre, built on a 1,700 square metre piece of land, includes a school, a clinic, two units for the rehabilitation of deaf mutes and other services. At least 150 children can be accommodated at the centre.

### UNEP team here to fight desertification

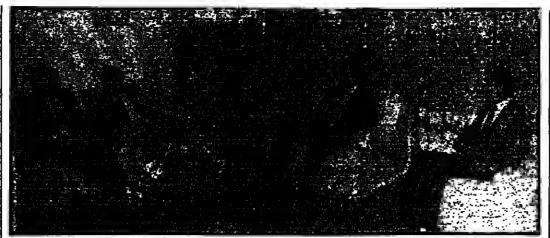
AMMAN (Petra) — A United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) four-member mission is currently visiting Jordan to study ways of combating desertification and improving the Jordanian environment. Accompanying the mission on its tour are a number of Ministry of Agriculture engineers.

### German agency photo show slated

AMMAN (J.T.) - An exhibition of photography by Anne-Marie Kost, of the German Agency for Technical Cooperation, is scheduled to be opened on December II at 5:00 p.m. at the Jordan Interconfinental Hotel. The exhibition, which will feature "Arabian and African scenes," will open under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Alia Al Hussein.

### World Bank to support education projects

AMMAN (Petra) - Ministry of Education Secretary-General Abdul Latif Arabiyat returned from New York Sunday evening after holding talks with the World Bank regarding financing for the sixth educational project. The bank has agreed to grant a \$40 million loan to finance a number of educational institutions included in the sixth project of ministry, Dr. Arabiyat said.



Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem (second from right) briefs the press delegation from the Union of

Journalists of the Soviet Union on Jordan's stand in

# Qasem meets Soviet journalists

Foreign Affairs Marwan Al Qasem Sunday morning received the visiting Soviet press delegation and explained to them Jordan's stand towards the Middle East crian end to these situations in the sis with special reference to the interest of the countries conrecent developments in the Palestinian issue. Mr. Qasem also voiced Jordan's

keenness to achieve a peaceful set-tlement that entails an Israeli withdrawal from the pre-1967 occupied Arab territories and a guarantee for the Palestinian people's legitimate rights including the right to self determination.

Mr. Oasem reiterated Jordan's support for the independence of the Palesunian decision and leg- and Soviet journalists through

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of itimate leadership. exchange visits and information Speaking about the current paiand press material. nful situation in Lebanon and the They also discussed the pro-Iraqi-Iranian war, Mr. Qasem vision of medical treatment for pointed out the necessity for con-tinuing international efforts to put Jordanian journalists in Sovier hospitals.

> cerned and their people and to bring peace and stability to the region. Later the Soviet press delegation held talks with the Union of Journalists of the Soviet Union

> and the Jordanian Journalists Association. During the meeting, the two sides discussed ways of promoting cooperation between Jordanian

### King condoles Majali family

AMMAN (Petra) - His Majesty King Hussein Sunday delegated His Highness Prince Mohammad to convey his condolences to Al Majali family on the death of Saleh Al Maiali who was buried in Karak Sunday at nonn.

Prince Mobammad also attended the funeral ceremony. Prime Minister Mudar Badran delegated the acting governor of Karak to participate at the funeral

and to convey his condolences to the family.

Also taking part in the funeral of Mr. Majali, were the speaker of the National Consultative Council 1NCC) Suleiman Arar, a number of ministers, NCC and Senate members, senior officials and a large crowd of mourners.

Saleh Al Majali, a former minister and senate member, died

Saturday at the age of 73.

He seaid that since 1948, Jordan has witnessed an increase in its population largely due to forced immigration caused by Zionist aggression and Israel's arbitrary measures against the Arab inhabitants of the occupied ternitories.

Israel, he said, wants an empty land to settle more Jewish people. In his speech Mr. Nabulsi also spoke about the role of cooperative organisations in Jordan in overcoming population problems.

Altogether Jordan has 85 cooperative societies with a total of 6,421 members in addition to INI aticultural connerative soci

# Cooperatives, population trends symposium begins

AMMAN (Petra) — A five-day which help farmers to carry our symposium on cooperatives and their work and settle them near population trends opened at the Jordan Conperative Institute Sattheir land, Mr. Nabulsi said,

The first session was addressed

The talks are being held within

the framework of an agreement

between the Jordanian and Soviet

governments signed at the end of

last year. The Jordanian side in

the talks was led by President of

the Jordanian Journalists Ass-

ociation Mahmoud Al Kayed,

Also speaking at the opening session was Labour Ministry The symposium is designed to Under-Secretary Tayseer Abdul familiarise members and leaders Jaber who referred to the seminars and training programmes on of cooperative organisations on population issues and their effects population and cooperatives on ecoonnic and social activity.

which are being held in Jordan. In reference to Jordan's pop-ulation, Dr. Abdul Jaber said that by Jordan Cooperative Orgnearly a quarter of a million peoanisation (JCO) Directorple are employed abroad, and that General Hassan Nabulsi who spoke about population growth in they transfer considerable amounts of their income to be invested in their homeland.

The symposium was organised in cooperation with the Ministry of Labour, the Jordan Cooperative Institute, the International Labour Organisation and the U.N. Fund for Population Activities.

Arab ministerial natural convenes here

# **UAE** minister warns against food shortages

AMMAN (J.T.) — The economy and trade minister of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Seif Ali Al Jarwan, called Sunday for the development of national resources to avert possible food shortages in the Arab World, according to Reuters News Agency.

He told the start of a two-day measures by Arab governments. annual ministerial meeting of the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) that Arab countries, collectively and individually. imp- the two-day meeting issues cononed most of their commodities and this increased the danger of

food shortages in the Arab World. Arab countries should step up efforts to exploit their potential and establish joint Arab projects on Arab economies especially oil with a view to achieving a com- exports which constitute SII per prehensive and balanced national economies, the minister said.

CAEU Secretary-General Mahdi Al Obeidi also addressed the meeting saying that the world economic crisis was adversely affecung Arab economies which required concerted counter-

The ministers of economy, trade and finance from Arab League member states will discuss in nected with Arab economic integration, and programmes and plans by the CAEU.

They will also discuss a report by the council's secretary-general cent of Arab exports, as well as the establishment of an Arab federation for drug manufacturers. according to the Jordanian News Agency. Perra.

The council was set up in 1962 to bring economic integration among the members of the Arab

League. The council has set up four companies in whose capital the members participate and which are expected to assist Arab nations in achieving econonuc self-

sufficiency. An antibiotics plant is being built near Baghdad as the first project of the Arab Company for Drug Industries and Medical App-liances (ACDIMA), while a broiler chicken farm is nearing completion in Jordan and sheep farms and other animal projects are being operated by the Arab Company for the Development of

Animal Wealth. Mining, industrial investment, printing and overland transport It added that Jordan's del- companies have either been foregation to the meeting is being led by Minister of Industry and Trade of this self-sufficiency campaign.

### Two killed in bus crash AMMAN (J.T.) -- A road acc- The bus ran into the back of the

day. It said that the accident involved a Kuwaiti bus carrying 34 passengers and driven by Iniad Abdullah, a Jordanian, and a Mafraq government hospital for pick-up truck with Khleif Oudeh treatment while nine others were Al Seeb in the driving seal.

ident on the Mafraq H-4 highway truck which was parked at the side Saturday caused the death or inj- of the road and immediately burst ury of 28 people, according to a into flames killing the driver insreport in Al Ra'i newspaper Sun- lantly and at least one of the passengers and trapping the rest, the repon said.

> According to the paper, 15 of the passengers were taken to Al sent to the Zarqa hospital.

### Ibrahim briefs U.S. team

AMMAN 1Petra) - Minister of Palestinian refugees (UNRWA). Occupied Territories Affairs Hassan Ibrahim conferred in his office Sunday with the visiting U.S. congressional delegation and briefed them on the general condition of Palestinian refugees.

The minister spoke about the adverse effects on the refugees as a result of the reduction of services unless the Palesunians regain the offered to them by the United Nat-right to self determination in their ions Relief and Works Agency for homeland, the minister said.

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During the meeting. Mr. Ibrahim also spoke about the suf-ferings of the Palestinians and the arbitrary measures exercised by the Israelis against the Arab inhabitants of the occupied lands.

A just peace cannot be achieved

# Music hall charms Amman audience

By Anne Counseil Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - The Amman Players presentation of an "Old Tyme Music Hall", staged Saturday and Sunday evenings in the Royal Cultural Centre studio, was a lively, informal and entertaining night

Twenty members of the Amman Players sung, danced and joked throughout the varied pro-Batrouni and producer Kitty Ephgrave at the two pianos. The short, sharp skeiches and variety in the repetoire held the attention of the audience who participated in the sing-a-long choruses of the old music hall favourites.

### Verbose preamblings

Supervising the proceedings was the Masier of Ceremonies, Jack Rigg, who introduced the acts with verbose preamblings. The acts themselves were generally well presented and the sketches very amusing if one could hear all the jokes between the bursts of laughter from the aud-

ience. Particularly good was the suit sketch in which the salesman, Don Pengilley, sold a "universal size" suit to the customer, John Alford. Although a farsical scenario, it was effective in exaggerating a situation that many of us have encountered with a pushy salesperson pressurising a purchase.

The selection of sones was varmusic hall with catchy choruses. broke the commuity. Pat Pengilley, in a top hat borrowed from one British ambassador, sang "Berlington Bertie from Bow" in her distinctive. strong and clear voice in addition to two other excellent solos.

### Jovial atmosphere

The jovial atmosphere of turn of the century music hall was cha-racterised by "My Old Man Said Follow the Van" sung by Doreen Mathams and the wonderful interpretation of "Old MacDonald had a Farm" presented by Evelyn and Larry Cooper, which was a delightful and highly amusing pre-

sentation. The inclusion of the Stuart Mcpherson country and western band with Alison Woods out front added variety to the show, but the

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length of their set detracted from ied and typical of the traditions of the music hall atmosphere and

### Local flavour

The local flavour was maintained by references to shops in Amman and a light-hearted joke about Alia, The Royal Jordanian Airline, in "Oh Mr. Porter", sung

### REVIEW

by Pauline Waters and Evelyn Cooper. that was cleverly incnrporated and effective.

The use of different English accents was also very well done from the cockney rendition of "Any Old Iron", sung by Fizz Waters and Don Pengilley, to the frightfully proper accent of John Bradley in "Have some Madeira M'Dear'.

Mr. Bradley, who could easily to typecast as an Oxbridge undergraduate, also did very well in his attempted recital of "The Green Eye of the Yellow God", a poem by Milton Haves, in spite of repeated interruptions by Fizz Waters and Jeff Ball who portrayed stereotypical British army officers possessing more up to date information regarding the situation in Katmandu.

Despite a few minor flaws, the Amman Players did well and provided an enjoyable evening's entertainment and as usual the proceeds are going to charity making it even more worthwhile.

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### Adding fuel to fire

THE U.S. air attack against Syrian ground positions in Lebanon on Sunday is a dangerous escalation of an already tense situation in the Middle East. Needless to say, such actions by Washington, authorised by the president himself, could only add more complications to the process of finding a solution to the Lebanon problem, in particular, and in the area generally.

To condemn American attacks against the Syrian army, whether in Lebanon or in Syria proper, for retaliation or whatever purposes, is not to say that we agree with the Damascus regime's tactics or strategy vis-a-vis the current political situation in the Middle East. But, it must be clear to everybody, above all the Reagan administration, that you cannot correct wrong with wrong and, in a volatile atmosphere like this, replace diplomacy by big guns, air raids, and hope for the best.

There has also been so much contradiction in U.S. policy on Lebanon in recent months that could not be settled by other means than going deep into the roots of the region's problems and striving for genuine progress. It is simply not good enough to cane the boy when his behaviour is peculiar, and end up hurting yourself and him in the useless punishment.

For all we know, Syrian policies on Lebanon have not benefited the Arab or the Lebanese cause; but has the U.S. not vacillated much in its judgement over them in the recent past? Syria's attempts to split the Palestinians and replace the legitimate leadership of the PLO with another subservient to its will have been most damaging to the Palestinian cause and have dealt a hard blow to the prospects of finding a comprehensive settlement to the Palestinian problem; did the Reagan administration not bury its head in the sand when hearing about them, thereby missing a good chance to have a clearer picture of the situation in whose outcome it had a lot at stake? The Syrian regime's negative role in the Iran-Iraq war presumably has nothing in common with official business in Washington (only in as much as the Soviets came into it), but should the Americans continue to see things differently from one moment to another and from one place to the next, forgetting in the process its function as a global power striving for peace?

Whatever Washington has tried to do in attacking those Syrian positions in Lebanon, the results have not been encouraging, if not actually disastrous. The worst thing that could happen now is to continue along the same path of endless violence, endless suffering.

More fighting in the Middle East will solve nothing. For the U.S. to get involved in any of it will throw us way beyond where we even started - if indeed we have started,

### **ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS**

### Al Ra'i: Turkey's stance encouraging

JORDAN SATURDAY welcomed President Evren of Turkey in a manner that reflects the close ties of friendship between the Turkish and Jordanian people. We believe that these ties are exemplary and based on mutual trust, respect and a willingness to further achieve cooperation in all fields. It is natural therefore that the visit is looked upon as a sign for new hope in launching joint economic and political activities between the two sides, for building up a brighter future for both peoples, and for bolstering the peace prospects in our region.

We are encouraged by Presideot Eyren's statement in which he displayed a deep understanding of the Palestine problem — as the core of the whole Middle East issue — and his realisation that the stumbling block remains Israel's occupation of Arab land and its denial of the Palestiniao people's rights. Cementing bridges of understanding and cooperation between Turkey and the Arab World can totroduce new elements and adjust the balance of power existing in the region. Turkey has great international weight and can play a major regional and international role in brioging peace to our region.

### Al Dustour: Evren's policy appreciated

TURKEY HAS accepted all U.N. resolutions coocerning the Middle East issue and has pledged itself to help io every way possible to settle it. This fact was reiterated by President Evren at Saturday's banquet held in his honour by His Majesty King Hussein. The president also said that the whole Middle East issue is based on the Palestine problem and that his country would be willing to help resolve these questions. This is a reaffirmation and a new pledge by a friendly nation and reflects the strong historical ties between the Arab and

For his part. King Hussein stressed the importance of solving the Palestice problem, which is the focal issue in the region, and restorating Palestiman people's rights in their homelands. King Husseio also referred to Jordan's policy which he said remained committed to the principles of the Great Arab Revolt and to its leaders who sacrificed their souls to defend Arab rights and independence. We appreciate Turkey's support for Arab rights and hope that further ways can be found to bolster our bilateral ties and cooperation.

### Sawt Al Shaab: U.S. loses credibility

BOTH IN his speech at the dinner for President Evren and in his interview with the New York Times. King Hussein made it clear that Jordan seeks to regain Arab rights in Palestine regardless of the obstacles that stand in the way. The Palestine problem, as King Hussein said, will remain the crux of all the region's issues and the rights of the Palestinians in their homeland will be for Jordan the ultimate goal that it wants to achieve so that peace can be reestablished. King Hussein made it clear that Israel has been creating tensions in the region and has launched a number of wars with the purpose of liquidating the Palestine problem benefiting from differences among Arab states. Israel stands to gain from this game and

therefore it acts to escalate tension all the time. Israel will no doubt gain from the recently concluded U.S.-Israeli strategic agreement because this agreement will help it to carry out its policy. As King Hussein said, the United States, by allying itself with Israel, can no longer cling to its role as a peacemaker in our region. The Arabs will not be interested in helping Washington in its endeavours unless the U.S. can re-establish its credibility as a genuine peacemaker and unless it forces Israel to give up its settlement policy and withdraw its forces from the occupied Arab lands.

### DE FACTONOMICS

# Is 1984 budget contractionary?

THE 1984 government draft budget was presented by the minister of finance to the National Consultative Council last

As it always has been, the budget is a very significant document that provides a detailed picture of what the govemment intends to do in terms of revenue generation, current and capital spending and domestic and external borrowing. Due to the economic slowdown in Jordan, the 1984 budget will have wider implications on the economy as the instrument for fiscal policy.

While the budget is the main tool for fiscal policy and thus the government decisions regarding its overall magnitude

and deficit financing have direct impact on the national economic conditions, there is the temptation that decisionmakers might look at the budget from the administrative viewpoint, only as it relates to the financial operations of the government. In other words. since Jordan is going through an economic slowdown period. its fiscal policy should be expansionary. It should inject more liquidity ioto the economy than it collects. It should resort more to deficit financing

If this approach is not followed. it implies that either fiscal policy is not used flexibly to affect the overall economic conditions in Jordan or that the

and tax incentives.

necessary adjustment is left entirely to monetary and other policies.

Looking at the 1984 draft budget from the purely administrative view as it deals with the financing of a dichotomised sector (the government), it has a lot of merits in its formulation. It is a bold move towards achieving self-reliance in meeting recurring expenditures from domestic revenues (88 per cent in the draft budget). The government was able to trim not less than Hiper cent of the current expenditures of its ministries and departments, thus reducing these expenditures not only relatively but also as compared with the 1983 budget. More

funds are also to be allocated to basic - needs projects in electricity, roads and water. The government efforts to

adjust to the deficiency in Arab financial assistance and to meet, at the same time, its defence obligations, support steadfastness in the occupied Arab areas, and repay due commitments on foreign loans are commendable. However, it should not be

left unstated that all these efforts were not painful. Additional Arab assistance is needed to supplement the growth of domestic revenues. It is also needed to inject more liquidity ioto the economy and reverse the slowdown.

The painful and hard choices

should be exposed and conveyed to the Arab Gulf countries. Our 1984 draft budget is lower than 1983 by at least 5 per cent in real terms, which will have a contractionary effect on the economy. The further reduction in recurring expenditures will limit the gov-

in formulating our 1984 budget

ernment's ability to create add-

itional jobs to meet the 4.5 per

cent annual increase in labour supply. The government is forced to spread the Five-Year Development Plan's development expenditures over a longer period, thus delaying the implimentation of significant projects.

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The comparison between the 1984 draft budget and the

1983 re-estimates may present a more optimistic feeling, but who can be sore that the 1984 draft budget will have a better chance for full implementation than that of 1983? The increase in domestic revenues from an estimate of JD 424 million in 1983 to JD 449 million in 1984 may not be realised unless new sources are tapped or present revenues increased.

The contractionary effect of the 1984 budget on the eco-nomy should be compensated for by an expansionary monetary policy and stimulating investment and trade measures. Otherwise, even the attainment of the budget objectives would become more

# Watch what Reagan does, not what he says

By Peter Jenkins

PRESIDENT REAGAN'S sense of American confidence regained s not shared by its European alles. At first they had hoped that a strong Reagan presidency would be better at least than the flip-flop Carter performance. They were oon disappointed.

The new administration for too ong showed no interest in opening the arms control dialogue which had been agreed as the concomitant of NATO's nuclear force modernisation. The bitter row over the Soviet gas pipeline in the summer of 1982 neatly encapsulated the allies two chief omplaiots: American policy was guided by a crude anti-Sovietism: decisions in Washington were inpredictable and uoreliable as deological factions warred around a president scarcely able to grasp the issues at hand.

The Grenada incident has taken on a special significance in British politics, splitting the Conservative Party and further tarnishing the prime minister's reputation for strong and clear judgement. France took a typically cynical view of the incident and it was soon off the front pages there. The Germans, nervous about everything at the moment, did no more than a rou-

in everyone's mind, including in Lebanon and her ent-In each case there is the danger perceived as part of a global Soviet conspiracy and responded to accordiogly.

There is cause for this European concero about the way foreign policy decisions are reached in Washiogtoo. The Reagao administration is unusual for the size of the gap between the policymaking bureaucracy and the decision-makers, who are a small group consisting mostly of the president's intimates. This is one of the reasons why Reagan has been able to remain ideologically intact in the Sodom and Gomorrah of the nation's capital, which is part of the secret of his success.

It means also that a lot of the policy-makers' time and evergy is lot further than the Russians have inistration is proceeding from a

spent trying to re-establish control over decision-making. Although the White House is well organised the most effective White House since his day, says one Kennedy veteran) the president seldom. if ever, participates in formative policy discussion; he comes anew to each decision.

This leaves the "pragmausts" and "ideologues" to compete for his ear. Weinberger and Clarke fight a rearguard action while Haig is away and reverse the pipeline decision to the infuriation of the allies. Kirkpatrick visits Central America, wins the president over to a harder line, and sets off a purge in the State Department. Wheo Clarke leaves for was he fired?) as national security adviser the factions war openly -- "min-dless palace guardism." said Washington columnist Joseph Kraft.

This Byzantine way of proceeding — ill-fitted, you may think, to the responsibility of a superpower — has its com-pensations. "It means decisions stay open longer." said a State ation, not an act of hostility tow-Department official. It also means that the administration's critics can't have it both ways; unpredictable factionalism and ideological consistency don't go together, and nor have they in the conduct of the Reagan foreign pol-

During the first two years of the Nevertheless, the affair has left administration it stuck to its ideological guns towards the Soviets believe that he has suffered a heart some American ones, a for- but made pragmatic adaptations eboding about Washington's crisis in a oumber of regional situations --- Chioa-Taiwan, Southero Afranglements to Central America. ica, and Ceotral America. Then. in a spirit of renewed strength and that complex eventualities will be confidence, the president was persuaded last spring to open us his second track, or "Nixon optioo". with the Soviets.

Although the process might be slow, it was to be open-ended and lead tor so it was hoped) to a Reagan-Aodropov summit and an outline arms control agreement next year. Nowhere was this more devoutly desired than among the president's top political aides in the west wing of the White House or than by the First lady, who resents her husband's reputation as a gunslinger from way out West. In other words, the idea was to run as a peace candidate.

The dialogue between Washingtoo and Moscow developed a The first is that the Reagan adm-

ever admitted. Not only were some of the post-Afghanistan sanctions removed, consulates reopened and so on, but the Russians. in back-stairs deal in Madrid, refrained from imprisoning I(N) refuseniks" and were even tal-

king about Shcharansky. When the Korean airliner was shot down Secretary of State Shultz quickly signafied to Mos-cow that the United States knew what had happened and didn't want the dialogue to become a casualty. The Soviet leadership was unable or unwilling to accept the blame or express remorse. That was the end of the Reagan-Andropov summit.

Nevertheless, and it is important. Reagan quickly rejected the hardline advice which was coming from Weinberger and others who wanted to break off even the Geneva disarmament negotlations in a package of Afghanistan-style, who argued that the Soviets had committed a crime against international aviards the United States. What would his rightwing Republican constituency say? "Let them vote for George McGovern," the president is reported to have said.

The KAL 007 affair reinforced the American appraisal of the Soviets as continuing in the throes of succession politics with Andropov never firmly in charge. Now they attack while undergoing a kidney operation and, although likely to remain in office, will require dialysis. They therefore do not anticipate further progress in their dialogue for the time being and in this way their assessment is symbiouc with the declared Soviet view that oo useful business can be done with Reagan administratioo.

Nevertheless, the longer-term progoostication for the development of US-Soviet relations is surprisingly, indeed astonishingly. hopeful and positive. According to one official specialist, "I can see us entering into ooe of the historically best periods of Soviet-American relations.'

Three factors, thus, should be borne in mind in assessing American cooduct io the crisis area of the Middle East and its backyard entanglement in Central America.

sense of greater confidence, which may encourage either greater assertiveness or permit greater res-

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The scond is that behind the 'megaphone diplomacy' a dialogue has begun, a most important shift in U.S. policy, and that the president would prefer to run for conflict threatens at any moment reelection as a man of peace. The 10 block the Straits of Hormuz. third is that both Washington and .Moscow are justifiably suspicious of the firmness, consistency, and rationality of each other's decision-making capacities.

In the Lebanoo the first if unspoken. American priority is to get the Marines home by election day. Their presence in Beirut leaves the president permanently threatened by the kind of disaster which occurred on Oct. 23 and which, if it were to happen again during election year, could do for him what the Iranian hostages did

for Carter. Behind the show of naval forces which is going on off the shores of the Lebanon are a number of severe constraints on American actioo. There is no military role that fell to them when the Israelis suddenly pulled out of the Beirut area in September.

Congress would not permit the scale of military involvement required to prop up the Gemayel reg-

ime in the absence of a modus vivendi with some of the Arab factions. The Multi-National Force. which includes a small British contingent, would pull out if American policy went in that direction. America cannot afford to alienate the Gulf states while the Iran-Iraq

What has happened in Washingtoo is something very traditional as election year approaches. Policy has tilted towards Israel. Shultz. whose policy was to cone to terms with Syria if he could, has been persuaded by pro-Israeli officials that a strong Israel is the first occessity for cuttiog Syria's regional ambitions down to size. A questioo which oo one in

Washiogton can answer is how the goals of Lebanese reconciliation. denial of the Lebanon to Syria. Israeli withdrawal from the south. a resumption of the broader peace process on the basis of the Reagao plan for a Palestinian eotity on a West Bank linked to Jordan, and the bringing home of the Marines could be simultaneously achieved. or eveo logically pursued.

The dangers of direct or proxy confrootations are obvious, but the intended purpose of the renewed "strategic cooperation"

between the U.S. and Israel N. I suspect, to facilitate an Americau disengagement from the Lebanon and not to bring her into conflict with Syria. It is a kind of Victnamisation, this time before a Vietnam can occur.

In Central America, where the protagonists live to daily fear or hope of a greater American involvement, the problems facing the Reagan administration are of a different order. Geographic proximity and the Monroe Doctrine not-withstanding, this is a secondary theatre of operations compared with the Middle East. Anything to do with Cuba and Communism in Central America is of intense interest to the ideological right, a significant ele-ment of the Reagan constituency. but the White House pollsters are in no doubt that direct military adventures in Central America would not go down well with the public at large.

It has become more important to watch what the president does thao to listen to what he says or, as a wit once said of Eiseohower. worry about if and what he thinks. Reagan's Washington at close hand is a somewhat more reassuring place than when seen from The Guardian.

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By Linda Sieg

KASHIWAZAKI. Japao — In a few more weeks this corner of Japan will be covered in snow and the voters of Niigata district will agaio remember their beoefactor. Kakuei Tanaka, prime minister of

decade ago. It was Mr. Tanaka, now at the centre of the nation's biggest post-war political scandal, who brought soow-clearing machines and a host of other civic benefits to his north-western coastal consiltuency far from the affluence of

Talking to Niigata inhabitants. seems clear that most of them care little whether or not Mr. Tanaka was guilty of taking a \$2 million bribe from the Lockheed Aircraft Corporatioo. He was senienced last month to four years in jail after being found guilty on this charge.

Aod when Mr. Tanaka, still apan's most powerful politician. next faces the polls experts agree there is little doubt that his native Niigata will send him back to the House of Representatives by a. solid margin.

That test could come next month, when the snow-clearers gata was good for the country as a provided by Mr. Tanaka will be well in public view.

"We always suffered because of the snow," recalled Hajime Ueki, manager of a local construction company.

But Mr. Tanaka has dooe more alists marshal an array of arg- ued.

than just keep roads free of snow io winter. He also provided Niigata with a \$6.3 billion speedy

Cynics maintain that all polincians do the same to get the vast sums necessary for election cam-

The deeply rooted Japaoese custom of mutual gift-giving is also invoked in defence of Mr. Tanaka's actions. "Employees give gifts to their employers at oew year's and midsummer as thanks for past favours and in anticipation of future benefits." Teruhiko Sakurai, owoer of a small factory, said.

For Tanaka to have taken 500 million yen (\$2 million) is the same as for you or I to take 5.000 yen (\$20)," he argued.

But some use loftier arguments to explain their support. Mr. Tanaka is the child of Kashiwazaki, said Mayor Tetsuya Imai." A child may do something wrong and get caught. But does a mother abandon her child?

Even his opponents agree that when an unrepentant Tanaka stands for re-election, such sentiments will assure him a solid victory. But there are dissenters here.

"I was ashamed the day of the Lockheed verdict," a young for-mer school-teacher said. "Neither I nor my family will vote for him." Some see a unge of colonialism in Mr. Taoaka's treatment of his

home province. "It's like the British building roads and railways in India." said Masayoshi Sakai, a part-time professor at Niigata University. Capital comes from the outsides and profit returns to Tokyo. he arg-

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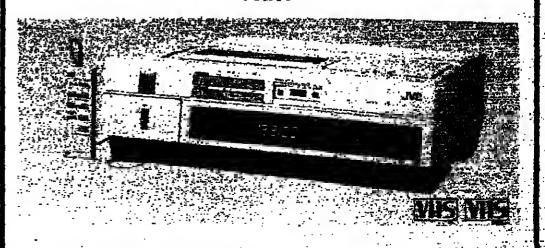


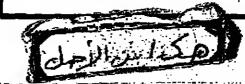
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# Movies: The most popular programme on TV

come and go, films are eternally propula Chris Dunkley looks at the future of the movies.

There is just one type of programme material which practically everybody in the television watch. industry - whether broadcaster. investor or hardware whis kid seems to agree will definitely attract audiences to the new tecinnologies: Moves.

In the past year or so confidence in the future of cable and satellite television has vacillated wildly. Beliefs about the prospects for. say, an all-news channel vary depending upon whom you talk to. Some point to Ted Turner's American news cables and declare that similar ventures will succeed elsewhere. Others say that the Americans are the only ones with the money nowadays to sustain proper global news operations and that American news will not interest other viewers.

Some believe more and more sports bodies will do television deals for exclusive and therefore high-price cable coverage. Others believe that the economics will work only in a few specialised cases: World heavyweight title fights, top snooker matches, and so on.

The one thing about which there is unamimity is cinema films. Everyone agrees they will work, and it is not hard to see why. The biggest success story of American cable is Home Box Office whose main offering is movies.

li is not yet widely appreciated that cable channels involve an entirely new attitude towards television. Instead of a "broadcaster" developing a carefully mixed output of comedy followed

While television programme by news followed by drama and so come and go, films are eternally on in a schedule designed to catch and hold the viewer, cable operators, especially on movie channels, can afford to offer perbaps only five items a week, repeated over and over again so that the viewer can choose his own time to

> The prospects for cable movie channels of that sort in Britain seem as bright as anywhere in view of the buge popularity of moves on our existing broadcast networks. Recent viewing figures for instance show the number I spot in BBC's Top Ten filled by a repeat showing of the 1968 Clint Eastwood movie Coogan's Bluff with 10.5 million viewers.

> Nor was that the biggest movie audience of that week: The independent channel, ITV, attracted 13.75 million with Jaws 2. Nor was it the oldest movie: Battle of the River Plate, the week's most popular programme on Channel 4, first appeared in 1956. Come to that, the John Wayne western Tall in the Saddle, which was fifth in the BBC2 Top Ten, was first released during World War II. Nor, incidentally, was it the rottenest film to get into a Top Ten: That claim goes to Tarzan and the Valley of Gold which came eighth on the BBC2 list with 2.9 million

> The fact is that, other things being equal (time of day, the opposition and so on), an old movie will almost invariably prove more popular than one of television's own programmes. Yet the cost of movies is only a fraction of the cost of original television. At the BBC the cost of a first showing of a bought-in film averages about £15,000 (\$22,000) an hour whereas their own drama costs £200,000 (\$300,000) an hour.



John Wayne

In fact films are cheaper than almost everything: Making com-edy at the BBC now costs £140,000 an bour, variety £75,000, educational programmes £65,000, features and documentaries £60,000, children's programmes £45,000, and even current affairs cost twice as much as films; £30,000 an hour. Only repeats at £2.500 an hour are substanually cheaper than films. Furthermore, according to figures recently quoted by BBC Director General Alasdair Milne, ITV's average costs are 34 per cent higher than the BBC's.

Thus it is not difficult to understand the temptation for broadcasters to include films in their schedules as often as possible. Nor is it difficult on the other hand to appreciate the fury of our residual film industry when it sees television raiding the cinema store cupboard and using their old stock to "steal" the audience. Presumably if the film industry could make a better profit by showing the films in cinemas they would

husiasts very much. Having myself grown up with films and not with television my first love was the cinema and there are certain films which I believe

not sell to television, but that does

not cheer up the cinema ent-

box. Some directors worked with a stunning cardsharp in real silk such profound consciousness of stockings with Henry Fonda as the the circumstances in which their films would be seen - in large. dark, crowded public area with the picture larger than life and dominating the proceedings — that it is absurd to commit their films to a little screen in the corner of a brightly lit sitting room where cha-

the picture. From D.W. Griffith's stupendous movie Intolerance to Lucas's Star Wars in which the Dolby sound system of a big cinema plays an essential part, some of the greatest films ever made should not be watched on relevision except by those who definitely stand no chance of seeing them in their intended surroundings. Millions of people will get their first opportunity to see the greatest achievement of the silent cinema, Abel Gance's Napoleon, which is being shown this month (November) on British tel-

But nobody should imagine that watching it on a small screen at home can reproduce the aesthetic or emotional experience of sitting in the Empire Theatre Leicester Square with a full orchestra accompanying the film. The momentous impact of the final triptych sequence projected onto three adjoining cinema screens cannot be even approximated by television. How would Beethoven's Ninth sound on a piano acc-

That said, I am grateful like so many viewers for the chance to watch again those classic movies which do not lose all that much from being on the box: The Philadelphia Story and the 1941 Preston Sturges comedy The Lady

should never be watched on the Eve starring Barbara Stanwyck as sucker, both recently shown on British television.

Already this year BBC2 has provided a marvellous season of Marilyn Monroe movies from Gentlemen Prefer Blondes to The Misfits, and now channel 4 is running a fascinating season called "What The Censor Saw". The ttering family groups dominate huge advantage here is that insread of being flung into the schedules piecemeal as ratings bait.

> roduced on screen — albiet too briefly — by ITV's chief film buyer Leslie Halliwell. Many of the prints used by television actually seem to be better than those habitually seen in art hourse cinemas.

the films have been selected with

some care and are being int-

in the end the important question is this: Given that our conventional broadcast networks and cable television and satellite services all want lots of movies, and given that the decline of the cinema seems irreversible, can television itself somehow create the necessary material? At one time 1 believed it could, and that something like Channel 4's coproduction scheme with films such as the British-made The Ploughman's Lunch and Angel seemed very promising.

But now that we are actually seeing them come to the screen the results are discouraging: In the cinema The Ploughman's Lunch looks like stretched television, and not one of the Film On Four productions I have seen so far has dis-

played the magic of true cinema. Thanks to its style and ethos,

Marilyn Monroe

Garbo. Gregory Peck. John Wayne, Marilyn Monroe. They were larger than life and offered to take us out of our lives and into realms of fantasy.

The "new wave" directors now working on the borders between cinema and TV - Roland Josse, Richard Eyre, Mike Leigh and Stephen Frears - are clearly not the least interested in fantasy. On the contrary their chief concern seems to be rubbing our noses in their version of humanity. They owe far more to the traditions of relevision than to the cinema.

The flickering box in the corner of our rooms at home has an entirely different style and ethos and the most that television has ever managed to create is domestic personalities: Michael Parkinson. Angela Rippon, Terry Wogan. Eamonn Andrews. As with a cheeky milkman or batty neighbour it is their familiarity which is valued. They are only 100 "real" and Ifesize. When viewers chance to meet them in the street they say Hello" thinking they know them.

l am afraid television will never be a proper substitute for cinema, and there will be a monumental fight between the new technology

### Randa Habib's

a commotion.

### Overzealous helpers

The other day I was a witness to an accident that shook me. Only twenty metres from my bouse, a car hit a child 7 or 8 years old who was crossing the road. Attracted by the accident, passers by, drivers and members of the child's family gathered around the child, who was screaming in pain while all the people were creating

Finally, the driver who had hit the child screamed that the child should be taken to the hospital. Soon enough, at least 10 people (f am not exaggerating) rushed to the car, all wanting to accompany

the child. Finally, 5 people squeezed themselves into that car and the others said they would follow. It was then that the worst happened. The child was carried in a careless way and placed on the lap of one

of the two front-seat passengers. I could not but think of the consequences of such carelessness. I know a young lady who was victim of a small accident. Having fainted, she was transported by passers by in such a way that she

was treated for neck problems for six months afterwards. Jordanians are known to be generous and spontaneous. They rush to help you if they feel you need it.

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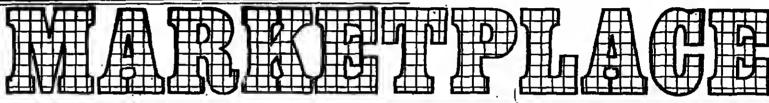
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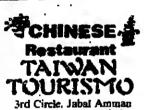












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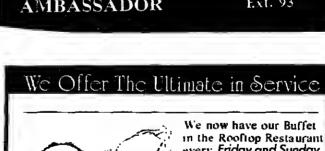
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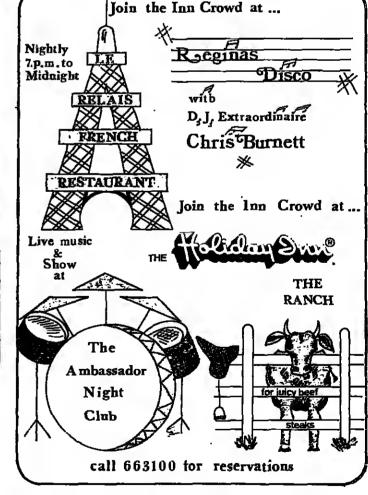
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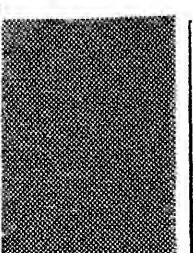
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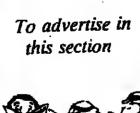


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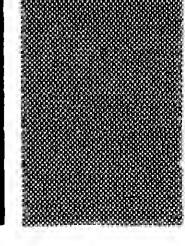








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# Al Jazirah beats Al Ahli in 2nd leg of Premier Division soccer match

AMMAN (J.T.) — Al Jazirah soccer team Sunday defeated Al Ahli 2-1 in the first match of the second leg of the Premier Division football league. The match was attended by about 12,000 spectators here at the Hussein Sports City stadium.

Al Ahli scored the first goal in the 19th minute when midfielder Shaker Salameh scored a header past Jazirah's goalkeeper after a pass from Issa Al Turk. Throughout the first half both teams played equally well taking turns in ihreatening each others' nets.

Al Jazirah, whose search for the net intensified in the second half came very close on several occasions with powerful shots and superb solo runs until the 77th minute when forward Hilmi Taha was able to score the equaliser

after feinting through Al Ahli defenders and powering a steep volley into the net.

Three minutes before the end of the match, Jazirah's Salah Ahmad was able to penetrate the Al Ahli defence after a run and a devastating long range shot that his the net scoring the second goal and giving the edge for Al Jazirah over Al Ahli 2-1.

The substitution that Al Ahli coach made to his team in the second half as well as change of tacucs did not pay off.

# Two more seeds out of Open

MELBOURNE (R) — Brian Fleming 6-7, 7-6, 6-3, 6-4 on 6-1, 6-0 win over Australian Liz Sayers and next meets South Afr-Vitas Gerulaitis on the casualty list of seeded Americans' when they were knocked out of the Aus-Iralian Open Tennis Championships at Kooyong on Sun-

Australian teenager Pat Cash snuffed out a mid-match revival by 11th-seeded Teacher, the 1980 champion here, to gain a third round victory after five tense sets 6-4. 7-6. 6-7. 2-6. 7-5.

In the same round Denton, the 14th seed, succumbed to a gritty performance by Britain's John Lloyd, who overcame his early doubts to win 7-6, 6-2, 6-3.

The sixth-seeded Gerulaitis. who beat Lloyd in the 1977 final, was eliminated on Saturday by Swiss-based Hungarian Zoltan Kuharszky, playing only bis second grass court tournament Casb. 18. now faces an awe-

some fourth round task against Czechoslovak top seed Ivan Lendl, who rallied from one ser down to beat American Peter

Fleming's doubles partner John McEnroe, seeded to meet Lendl in straight-sets victory over India's

in the women's tournament, top seed Martina Navratilova's path to the final was further smoothed by the shock withdrawal of Czechoslovak Hana Mandlikova with a pulled groin muscle.

The American world number a strong favourise to win back the title she lost to Chris Lloyd last year following the nonappearance here of her main rivals companious Lloyd, Andrea Jaeger and Tracy Austin.

Mandlikova was forced to quit during her second round match with American Sharon Walsh. who was leading 6-2. I-0, after a fall during which she said she fell the groin muscle snap.

Navratilova had an effortless

Sayers and next meets South African number one Ros Fairbank.

Veteran star Billie-Jean King. the final, managed to ignore a Australian Open Champion in rouch of tendonitis in his left sbo- 1968, received a standing ovation ulder long enough 10 secure a on Sunday despite her 7-6, 4-6, 6-4 defeat by Cathy Tanvier of Ramesh Krishnan 6-4, 7-5, 6-1. France, 22 years her junior.

British hopes Jo Durie and Virginia Wade had mixed fortunes against Americans Gigi Fernandez and Kaihy Jordan.

Durie, the British number one who won the New South Wales Open two weeks ago, had little one, beaten only once this year, is trouble disposing of Fernandez 6-2. 6-2. But Wade, the 1972 champion, loss the struggle against Jordan 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.

The home crowd's hero of the day. Cash, first served for the match at 5-1 in the third set before Teacher replied with a string of winners, saving a total of six match

Cash explained Teacher's comeback later. "I was talking to him after the match and he said he finally got his rhythm.

# Seko wins Fukuoka marathon

FUKUOKA, Japan (R) — Tos-hihiko Seko of Japan passed Tanzanian Juma Ikangaa in the final 100 metres to win the Fukuoka marathon on Sunday as U.S. favourite Alberto Salazar ended the first losing year of his running career with another defeat.

Seko, 27, who also won this prestigious race from 1978 to 1980, showed no effects of a leg muscle injury which made him a doubtful starter as he bided his time just off the pace before first passing Salazar and then, as he neared the finish line, Ikangaa.

Seko clocked two hours eight minutes and 52 seconds, the eighth fastest time in marathon hislory. Last February he ran the fifth fastest time, 2:08.38, to win the Tokyo marathon.

Ikangaa, who had led the race from the start, was second in 2:08.55. just three seconds behind Seko, while Salazar was also overtaken by the Japanese twins, Shigeru and Takeshi Soh, and finished fifth in 2:09.21.

Salazar, who ran the world's

best time of 2:(18.13 to win the 1981 New York marathon, had seemed optimistic before Sunday's race. "But I just didn't have it today," he said dejectedly bef-. ore walking away from reporters

and refusing further comment. It ended the sort of year Salazar must have felt he might never have after he dominated the work's marathon scene by winning in New York from 1980 to 1982 and also taking the Boston marathon.

His hopes for 1983 were to improve his marathon record, race if possible against Seko and Australian Rob de Castella and attack the world 10,000 metres record.

But after placing only fourth in the World Cross Country event early in the year, another title he was determined to take, Salazar suffered his first defeat in five marathons when de Castella beat him in Rotterdam early in April.

Injury probably wrecked his chances there, and the race forced him out of the U.S. trial for the World Championships, where he settled instead for the 10,000 metres. There, however, he barely (24-mile) mark."

quabilied for the final, where he

He was not fit enough to run in the New York event late in October, but he turned up here saying he once again felt in top form and was ready to go lander 2:06 if nec-

Seko, conversely, had his recent training interrupted by a leg muscle in jury and only Saturday did be confirm that he would run saying he was aiming only to finish among the top three Japanese is qualify for the 1984 Olympic mar-

On Sunday he settled into a pack of chasers just behind Ikangaa and Salazar until he overtook them both, waiting until the last minute to pass the Tanzanian

"My leg did not affect me. But I was not sure of my condition becsuse I did not have enough training after suffering the muscle injury three weeks ago," he said.

"I didn't think I could win bec ause of the injury and my lack of training. But I became sure that I' would after passing the 40-km

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# Kremlin calls for speed up in introducing 'team contract'

MOSCOW(R) - The Soviet leadership Sunday called for a speed up in the introduction of a new labour system making workers' wages more closely dependent on their performance.

A decree issued by the Communist Party and the government said the so-called "team contract" system had proved highly successful in raising productivity rates and should be quickly applied to all sectors of industry.

But ministries, regional authorities and trade unions now bad to ensure it was put into effect much more rapidly, it said.

Under the system, workers have to form teams which receive a group payment for their labour from factory managers. The workers then decide among themselves how to share out the

dependent on their output or productivity levels, and the gov-ernment decree said this had led to a cutback in wasted manpower and some sharp increases in eff-

The team contract system has been operating on a very limited scale for several years but since Mr. Yuri Andropov took power as communist leader a year ago. there has been a drive to introduce it in both manufacturing industry and agriculture.

The method has, in the past, met with strong resistance from ideological hardliners who saw it as a return to a capitalist-style wage system based solely on financial incentives.

There has also been opposition from managers and regional officials, who see it as a dilution of

The group's income is heavily their control over the workers and from the workers themselves, who often prefer the comfort of a guaranteed monthly salary.

The effect has been to slow down introduction of the new system despite the Kremlin's strong backing for it. According to Soviet sources,

only 6 per cent of the industrial labour force is so far working on a team contract basis although the leadership has been campaigning for its adoption for nearly a year.

Sunday's government decree also stressed that engineers and technicians should be included in production teams whenever pos-

This reflected Kremlin attempts to put experts in closer touch with speed up the modernisacion of outdated industrial plants.

# Shipbuilding industry may regain strength after '86

TOKYO |R| - World shipbuilding may regain some of its former strength after 1986 but unol then some yards, especially in Europe, will pass through one of the worst periods in their history, according to industry experts

"We now face a bigger crisis than we have ever encountered in the past." European Community Commission Industry Director Daniele Verdiani told journalisis after a recent meeting on shipbuilding held by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

The meeting brought together representatives of most of the world's shipbuilding naoons to discuss the present state of the market.

Since the first oil crisis in 1973 the world has seen to many shipyards chasing too few orders, causing most countries to cut back shipbuilding capacity and resort to state subsidies to battle their way... through the fierce competition.

BAHRAIN (R) - British Trade

and Industry Secretary Norman

Tebbit Sunday discussed with

Saudi Arabia's Planning Minister

Hisham Nazer how Britain could

help in the kingdom's dev-

elopment projects, the official

He said Saudi Arabia was also

THE BETTER HALF,

looking to new world markets,

Saudi Press Agency reported.

Mr. Albert Gruebel, chairman of the meeting, told journalists a major worry among many countries is the increasing share of the depleted world market being taken by Far East shipbuilders.

While Japan bas slimmed down its yard capacity since the sharp drop in world demand for shipping, especially tankers, it still takes the lion's share of new ord-

Total world orders this year will be slightly higher than last year's 29.70 million gross registered tonnes against 128.93 million in 1973. Japan took orders for 9.73 million tonnes in 1982 against 59.60 million in 1973, OECD figures issued at the meeting show.

Mr. Gruebel said, "I am sure we will see a growth in shipbuilding again," adding OECD experts feel there will be an improvement in two years time although the crisis will last until then.

A major concero for the European yards is the recent rapid inroads made into their traditional markets by South Korea.

especially for its petrochemical

Saudi agency Saturday as saying

his government was seeking imp-

He said present economic cha-

nges in Britain would help make it

"a trustworthy partner that can

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provide the Saudi market with its

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roved trade ties with the kingdom.

Mr. Tebbit was quoted by the

products, the agency added.

Tebbit, Saudis hold talks

The OECD figures show orders to South Korean yards totalled 2.55 million gross registered tonnes last year and have already topped 4 million this year. Yet in 1973 Korea only took orders for 1.30 million tonnes.

Orders at European yards fell to 7.41 million tonnes last year from 54.87 million in 1973, but so far this year they have attracted less than 5.50 million tonnes.

Mr. Verdiani told journalists the Europeans feel South Korean ships are low priced to the point of only covering the cost of raw mat-

"At this rate, in two or three years.we will no longer see any European ship construction," he

However, the European complaints fell on deaf ears in Tokyo. South Korea has repeatedly ignored OECD invitations to attend meetings to discuss the current state of the world shipbuilding market.

The deputy board chairman of

the government-owned Saudi

said after a meeting with Mr. Teb-

bit Saturday his company was pre-

pared to carry out projects with

ited Saudi industrial centres.

year, mainly construction and bui-

ding equipment and consumer

British companies.

# **OPEC's unity could face** test over output quotas

BAHRAIN (R) — The fragile unity of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) could face a severe test at its ministerial meeting starting on Wednesday in Geneva, oil industry analysts said Sunday.

non-controversial meeting likely to reconfirm OPEC's selfimposed production ceiling of 17.5 million barrels per day (b/d) and benchmark price of \$29 a barrel, a number of countries have recently indicated they intend to

duction quota. "If they bring up the quota question at this meeting, they'll be opening a can of worms," one oil ndustry analyst said.

seek an increase in their pro-

"Demand for oil is too weak to allow an increase in the overall ceiling. So if one member's quota is increased, it will be at the expense of the others," he said.

Iran and Iraq, opponents in the 38-month-old Gulf war, have both said they intend to seek an increase in their own quotas.

Venezuela and Indonesia are among other countries which bave indicated they will press for higher quotas, while Nigerian sources say the issue has also been debated in Indonesian Oil Minister Sub-

roto said last month: "Obviously. with a population of 150 million, we need a bigger quota. We can use every cent we can earn from

Iraqi Oil Minister Qassem Ahmad Taqi has said his country wants to boost its quota to I.8 million barrels daily from 1.2 million, while Iranian Deputy Oil Minister Abbas Hornadoost said Iran

Although originally billed as an would seek a daily quota increase to 3.2 million barrels from 2.4 million unless Saudi Arabia cut its output.

> The analysts said the drop in demand for oil has hit oil pro-ducers with large populations and big import bills harder than those with smaller populations, such as the Gulf states

> Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter but with a population of around nine million people, has become the most likely target for the OPEC nations which want to boost output.

Asked Saturday if Iran would accept a cut in its own oil quota to support its controversial call for a \$5 increase in the price of oil, Iranian Oil Minister Mohammad Gharazi said it was Saudi Arabia's duty to reduce its market share.

Asked what would be a fair quota for Saudi output, Mr. Gharazi said Iran had a population of 40 million people and a quota of 2.4 million barrels "so you may calculate how much theirs should

Some analysts said the problem might be defused if Saudi oil production, which has dropped substandally in recent weeks, falls further in the early part of next year.

They said Saudi Arabia is upgrading its natural gas production and distribution system in the first and second quarters of 1984, a. factor which may force the country to reduce oil output.

The improvement is thought to be necessary to prevent a recurrence of power cuts which hit the country's Eastern Province in June, they said. Natural gas associated with crude oil production is the major fuel for electricity generacion.

Daily Saudi production has aiready fallen to around 5 million barrels a day from almost 6 million at the start of the fourth quarter, reflecting a general decline in demand for oil over the past few weeks. industry sources say.

Output of the 13 OPEC countries has also sunk as demand has fallen off.

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From close 10 19 million barrels a day at omes in the third quarter. production is now running only lightly above the organisacion's 17.5 million barrels a day ceiling. Even the lower level of Saudi production is apparently not all being sold, with some going into floading storage in oil tankers outside the Gulf, the sources said.

They said the quota problem might also be resolved by redefining quotas to exclude domestic consumption. as suggested by Venezuelan Oil Minister Jose Ignacio Moreno Leon in an intview published Saturday.

"The world market is affected by the oil sold in it and not the oil consumed by the producing couniries," Mr. Moreno Leon iold the Caracas Daily Journal.

# U.S. decision on Chinese textiles could hurt relations

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. Commerce Department will issue a tentative report next Tuesday on whether China is using unfair tactics in exporting textiles to the United States.

President Reagan is scheduled to visit China in April, and a decision against the Chinese could undermine recent efforts to build better des between Washington Basic Industries Corporation and Peking.

(Sabic), Mr. Ibrahim Bin Salmah, The Chinese textile exports, largely clothing, have grown rapidly in recent years. In 1982 China was the fourth biggest supplier to the U.S. market, shipping goods worth a total of \$800 million.

Mr. Tebbit, who arrived in Riyadh on Friday held several mee-Peking has denied charges by tings with other ministers and vis-U.S. textile makers and mill workers that its goods are unfairly Saudi Arabia is Britain's ninth subsidised. Many in the American biggest market, taking £1.4 billion textile business disagree. \$2 billion | in British exports last

Mr. John Greenwald, a member of the legal team representing the U.S. industry, says the subsidies are plain to see but may become

obscured because of the delicate diplomatic situation. The allegations directed at

China in the textile case pose novel issues that test U.S. foreign trade law. First, investigators must decide whether U.S. trade penalties des-

igned to counter unfair compeitition can be applied to countries such as communist China with controlled economies. The United States has never addressed that question before. Many trade experts believe the

U.S. trade laws apply to all foreign countries, and thus the United States is legally obliged to invoke the anti-subsidy statute against the Chinese.

But others argue that the decades-old law was fashioned at a time when the United States had few dealings with communist countries and made no allowances for the unique circumstances that exist in non-market economies.

Besides that knotty question, investigators must grapple with the nature of the alleged subsidies in the textile case. At issue is whether the complex

exchange rate structure adopted by China to promote exports is a form of subsidy. Under the structure, Chinese exporters can convert foreign exc-

hange earnings into Chinese currency at a rate more favourable than the official exchange rate. For textile exporters, the special exchange rate provides a subsidy of about 40 per cent, the U.S. ind-

ustry contends. A few days before the Commerce Department's preliminary decision was due, U.S. investigators said China had not

submitted any detailed material to counter the U.S. complaints. If the investigators found evidence to support the charges, importers would have to post bonds equal to the subsidy.

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Syria records marginal

increase in oil production

BAHRAIN (R) - Syrian production of crude oil rose slightly this year over 1982 but is not expected to change in 1984. Syrian Minister

of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Abdel Jabbar Al Dahhak, was

In an interview carried in the December bulletin of the Org-

anisacion of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC), he said

total Syrian production, now averaging 170,000 barrels daily, is

expected to total about 8,4 million tonnes this year, up on the 8,2

He said Syria will have refined an average 180,000 barrels a day of

Although production is intended to meet local demand, the surplus

"Considerable quantities of gas oil, up to 300,000 tonnes annually.

Dahhak said offers had already been made by several companies to

study Syrian refinery needs in order to produce more light and less

heavy product. "In light of these studies steps will be taken to

He said a plant for processing associated gas, expected to produce about 45,000 tonnes of liquefied gas annually, will come onstream

next March and meet the requirements of the north and east of the

country. It will also produce about 150 million cubic metres of sweet

The minister said 80,000 to 90,000 square kilometres (30,000 to

The state-owned Syrian Oil Company planned to drill about 45

Foreign oil companies are also operating in Syria under service

contracts, he said. Pecten International Company, a subsidiary of

Shell oil company, will drill a new well in the Deir Ezzor area this

Marathon Oil carrying out exploration in the Homs area, has

already found considerable quantities of free gas, he said.

**OECD** report optimistic

on world financial system

PARIS (R) — Improved cooperation between indebted poor cou-

ntries, commercial banks, national monetary authorities and int-

ernational organisations has boosted confidence in the viability of the

The latest monthly financial review of the Organisation for Eco-

nomic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said successful neg-

otiation of financial rescue packages for debt-strapped developing

countries had bolstered bankers' belief that the system could ove-

Earlier this year, some bankers expressed fears that mounting

Third World debt, particularly in South America, could trigger a

But the report said the successful conclusion last month of a rescue

package for Brazil, the Third World's most indebted nation, would

be viewed posiovely by bankers and should pave the way for other

The report added, however, that banks' lending attitudes were

It also said mounting debt problems of the Philippines could lead

to a general reticence of banks to lend to the Far East — a region which up to now has had a generally high credit rating.

35,(0)() square miles) of the country were covered by exploration.

exploratory wells in 1984 in the areas of Latakia. Deir Ezzor and

in products such as fuel oil is exported, while there is a shortfall in

products such as commercial aviaoon fuel and liquefied gas. he said.

are also imported to meet the rising demand in the transport and

crude this year, compared with its refining capacity of 220,000 bar-

"No change is forecast for 1984." the minister said.

rels and a maximum actual production of 200,000.

industrial sectors." he was quoted as saying.

implement suitable plans." he said.

Aleppo and near existing fields.

world financial system, a report said.

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# THE Daily Crossword by Margaret V. Judeh

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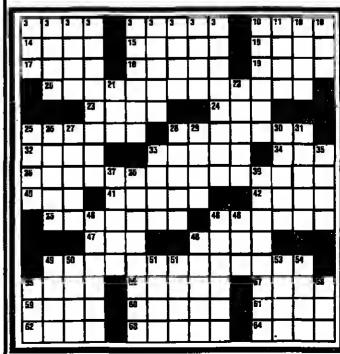
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# **Peanuts**

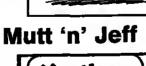
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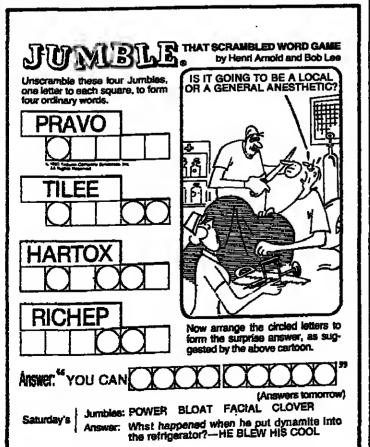


### Andy Capp









"In our case, IRA stands for Insignificant

Retirement Account."

# WORLD

# Shuttle flight extended by 1 day

HOUSTON (R) — Scientists whose experiments are now being carried out on the space shuttle Columbia were planning Sunday how to use the extra time in a space after officials extended the flight by a day.

ncy officials said the mission would last until next Thursday to allow more scientific research on board the European-built Spacelab research laboratory carried by the Columbia shuttle.

The extension was contingent upon good weather at the landing site in the California Desert.

The spacelab contains 73 experiments from 14 countries. Flight director John Cox said Saturday night: "The experimenters had a lot more to do than there was time to accommodate. They have all along wished and pushed and tried to make the flight last longer and do more of these things."

He said more than 100 scientists involved in the experiments would be making suggestions on how they would like to use the extra

The extension will allow extra work in the field of solar seismology, or observations of the sun, planned, for the end of the

This will be possible because the shuttle's orbital path will keep it in almost total sunlight from Tue-

Several equipment problems related to the experiments have developed, but missioo officials

WASHINGTON | RI — A major

nuclear attack on the United Sta-

tes could kill half the population,

but then survivors would have

enough food, according to a con-

by U.S.civil defence experts con-

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dictions that the world would be

plunged into freezing darkness and plant growth would stop for

Its conclusions were imm-

ediately criticised by Con-

gressman Tom Harkin, a senior

member of the House of Rep-

mittee, who released the report to

"I was absolutely appailed at

"There is no explanation as to

how the government expects far-

mers to get these crops to grow in

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after attack or who is expected to

harvest these crops or how they

could be harvested in intense rad-

CY CHARLES GOREN

SCINTILLATING SOBEL

DEAR READERS: We have

had many requests over the

years for those hands that we

consider to be our favorites.

That makes quite a list. For a

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to a series of famous hands.

At the end of the series, we

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troversial new study.

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Reuters.

U.S. study says nuclear

survivors would eat well

U.S. and European Space Age- said they considered spacelab-1 a

success. A power supply unit failed. knocking out two furnaces used to heat or cool various substances and forcing seven experiments to he abandoned.

There was also a partial failure in a low light television camera and a still picture camera used to study the earth's atmosphere and magnetic fields as well as a device to make radar images of the earth's land and sea surfaces.

But an accelerator used to fire electron beams into space was believed to be working again after malfunctioning.

U.S. chief mission scientists Rick Chappell said the "rate of. success is grater than 90 per cent. One cannot be disappointed with

Turning back the clock

Meanwhile, space travel may have an effect on humans similar to "turning the evolutionary clock backwards ," scientists Saturday

Two researchers who devised experiments being conducted by the men flying the space shuttle Columbia told reporters that prolonged exposure to zero-gravity

The study was prepared by the

federal emergeocy management

agency, the main coordinator of

U.S. civil defence projects which

include a proposed programme to

relocate city populations to rural

areas in the eveot of a nuclear att-

may reverse the physiology of ever, those mechanisms still force humans developed through millions of years of evolution.

They said the effects of weightlessness could eventually lead to life forms resembling the amoeha because limbs and other parts of the human anatomy developed to deal with gravity would no longer be needed.

"Seventy-five per cent of our muscles are anti-gravity muscles Lothar Rocker, said four of the which we don't need in space," Dr. Karl Kirch of the Free University of Berlin told reporters covering the first flight of the Eur- also samples of blood during their opean space agency's spacelab aboard Columbia.

He said space travellers had alr- after flight. eady experienced temporary but reversible changes in body functions resulting from the virtual absence of gravity.

Dr. Kirsch speculated that longer flights could prompt greater changes.

"That's why astronauts - and on the first and third days of the Soviet cosmonauts - experience current shuttle mission. a loss of calcium: They don't need their bones up there to support erimeot is to compare the levels in their bodies." he said.

He also said that is why most regulates fluid levels in the body people develop a "puffiness" in through kidney function. their upper bodies during space

Dr. Kirsch explained that the human body has developed cer. mone (ADH) has never been stutain mechanisms — sull unknown - that help keep body fluids from settling in the lower body because

In the absence of gravity, how-

# Kuomintang wins Taiwan elections

TAIPEL (R) - Taiwan's ruling Nationalist (Kuomiotang) Party won a landslide victory in partial parliamentary elections with opposition candidates capturing nine of the 71 seats being contested.

The result was seen as a foregooe conclusion because of firm Kuomintang support from its two million members, the military, and civil servants.

Loosely-bound opposition groups. mostly native Taiwanese, ran on a platform opposing martial law and demanding the right to form new political parties. Among their winning candidates was Fan Su. Min, whose husband was jailed for sedinon after ann-government

riots in Kaohsiung in 1979. The Kuomintang had nominated 58 candidates and approved seveo members to run on

their own. Partial parliamentary elections have been held every three years since 1969 as more seats are added to the legislative Yuan (par-

liament) due to rising population. Most of the seats in the 379-seat legislative Yuan are held by elderly members who still claim to represent constituencies on the mainland. They were elected in 1948 and are not required to run for reelection as China is now

under communist rule.

locumbent legislator Kaog Ning-Hsiang, a Tangwai polincian meaning outside the Kuomintang Party), lost his seat after polling only 30.000 votes.

Another incumbedt nonpartisan legislator Huang Tien-Fu. a comparatively radical opposition candidate, also lost his campaign for a second term of off-

# Former Nigerian leader returns from exile

LAGOS (R) -- After eight years of exile, former Nigerian head of state Yakubu Gowon returns home on a visit that has aroused intense speculation over his political intentions.

Gen. Gowon, 49, is due to arrive in Lagos Monday morning from Britain where he has spent his exile since being overthrown in a bloodless coup in July 1975.

A "committee of friends" organising his return, including several of his former cabinet members and military governors, insists that Gen. Gowon is not returning to a political role.

But, although presidential elections were concluded only in Sep- finally.

tember, the jockeying for position for 1487 election candidates is already well under way and few Nigerians believe that Gen. Gowon will stand on the sidelines.

2 CBS cameramen

detained at Comiso

COMISO, Sicily (R) - Two Ita-

lian journalists working for the American CHS television network

were arrested outside an air force.

base destined to take new

medium-range nuclear missiles, police said. The two Rome-based

cameramen. Adalberto Pasquini

and Vito Mocano, were que-

stioned by police before being

charged with trying to obtain news

MOSCOW (R) - Moscow's new-

est, best-equipped garage is ref-using to handle Soviet-built cars

modified to run on low-grade bla-

ckmarket petrol, TASS news-agency said. Many private car onwers adjust their engines to

take low-octane fuel which they

buy from lorry drivers who order

more petrol coupons from the

state than they require and are

often willing to siphon off the

extra litres for cash. TASS said the

new Kuntsevski, garage, equipped

with Western diagnostic com-

puters, would not deal with car

'owners' 'who try privately to eco-

nomise out of the state's pocket".

TASS said by refusing to service

modified cars, the garage hoped to

save the state many litres of pil-

DUBAI (R) - One person died

and seven members of his family

were injured when their car hit a

camel on a main road near here

Saturday night, police said. The

camel was also killed, they added.

found in greenhouses

ADELAIDE(R) -- Thousands of

marijuana plants worth nearly

three million U.S. dollars on the

black market were found growing

under cucumbers in south Aus-

tralian greenhouses, police said.

The marijuana, nearly ready for

cropping, was found hidden in a

market garden district just north

of Adelaide. Two men have been

charged with growing illegal plants. On Monday, about 1.000

marijuana plants were found gro-

wing in irrigated hush country on

the island of Tasmania, off sou-

Marijuana erop

1 dead, 7 hurt in

car-camel crash

fered fuel.

about state secrets."

Moscow garage

turns patriotic

Political sources say senior members of Nigeria's major parties have visited Gen. Gowon in Britain, where he took a degree in political science, to try to persuade him to join them and bring the widespread popularity that he still

enjoys to their side. Gen. Gowon had told his visitors that only when he returned for good would he decide whether to re-enter politics, the sources said, adding Gen. Gowon had not said wheo he would come home

### Filipino minister rejects plot charge by Marcos

MANILA (R) - A senior mem- ongly endorsed by Filipino busber of the Philippines government Sunday rejected a charge by President Ferdinand Marcos that a proposal to revive the vice-presidency was part of a conspiracy.

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Arturo Tolentino, who has proposed that a vice-president be elected in May to provide a successor for Mr. Marcos, said in a statement published Sunday that the idea had overwhelming sup-

Mr. Marcos said oo Friday he opposed revival of the vicepresidency on the grounds that it would weaken his power. "Undoubtedly there is a plot somewhere we cannot yet unmask."

inessmen who see it as a way of reviving international financial confidence, severely joited when opposition leader Benigno Aquino was assassinated in August.

Mr. Tolentino, who bas been recommended as foreign minister by the retiring incumbent Carlos Romulo, said his proposal was influenced by public opinion.

Mr. Tolentino said more than 56 per cent of Filipinos favoured electing a vice-president in May wheo parliamentary elections are

Parliament is scheduled to debate the issue Monday hut a decision is expected beforehand at a meeting of assembly members of e said. the ruling New Society Movement
Revival of the post has been str-

### Australian government suffers electoral setback

Labour government was unmoved Sunday by a vote against its plans to block uranium mining in the the Liberals. remote Northern Territory and to give Ayers Rock, the world's lar- states are self-governing but Labgest monolith, back to the aborigines.

The report came about two weeks after more than 100 million Americans watched a stark depiction of the results of nuclear war in the television film "the Day The civil defence experts con-

cluded that "agriculture proattack is expected to be adequate for surviving population needs." But it also noted that if civil defence relocation were a success

there would not be enough food to sustain the survivors. As many as eight out of lit could survive if cities were abandoned before the attack, it said.

Those living in rural areas would fare relatively well - almosi XII per cent would still be alive two months after the attack.

# DARWIN (R) - Australia's

hold up Melbourne hotel

MELBOURNE(R) — When five without being charged.

masked men armed with subHotel manager Nick Rice dem-

machine guns took over Mel- anded an explanatioo. Later he

Prime Minister Boh Hawke said in a statement issued in Canberra that he would consult the territory's new government but his federal government would not be deterred "from implementing policies which have the support of the majority of Australians."

The Liberal Country Party. campaigning against the gained a landslide election win in the territory Saturday, taking 19 seats in an expanded legislative assembly to Labour's five. One sear was still io doubt.

masked men armed with sub-

bourne's luxury Sheraton Hotel

last week, the manager assumed

they were staging a robbery and

ordered staff to summon the pol-

But bystanders agreed that as

For instance, they said, as four

armed robberies go, this one see-

of the men grappled with hotel staff, the fifth strolled up to rec-

ention and politely paid the hill for

Neither did the gang make any

demands. Instead they hacked

down the door to a 10th floor

room and were seen lugging aro-

und leargas, eavesdropping equ-

ipment, buggiog devices and pol-

Before leaving they herded the

they were all released by police added.

staff into the kitchens. But later

two rooms they had occupied.

med a little off key.

ice transmitters.

Labour held seveo seats to the Liberals' 11 in the old assembly. The poll saw a 12 per cent swing to

The territory and Australia's six

the fluids into the upper torso, but

there is no longer any force to

counter their effect and the fluids

collect in the face and other tis-

There is a similar effect on

blood, with the pressure in the

veins of the upper body increasing

astronauts working in the orbiting

spacelab are taking readings of

their venous blood pressure and

voyage to empare them with sim-

ilar observations made before and

The experiment has a two-fold

purpose. The first is to verify with

precise measurements that the

blood pressure in the upper body

He said that this was already

The second purpose of the exp-

Most people have returned

from space dehydrated, but the

level of their Anti-Diurenc Hor-

Dr. Rocker said he expected to

find very low levels of ADH in the

four spacelab crewmen when they

return from orbit oext week.

the blood of a hormone which

indicated by initial readings taken

does indeed increase.

Dr. Kirsch and a colleague. Dr.

in space flight.

our is in federal power, with responsibility for overall political, foreign and defence policies. It was able to decide last month

to give back the rock and stop the two uranium projects because it has the title to the land on which they stand. Chief Minister Paul Everingham, jubilant over the result.

got it - the "gang" were members

of Australia's security intelligeoce

service takiog part in a mock exe-rcise. said defeoce department

Foreign Minister Bill Hayden.

who has overall responsibility for

security services, told the federal

parliament the exercise had been

carried out without his authority

and described it as "particularly nasty and intolerable."

had been supposed to rescue a

hostage."

when captured in a getaway car hotel management and guests," he

He said the group of trainees

Instead. The trainees chose a

violent attack on the room of the

hotel in which the supposed hos-

tage was held under guard. The

trainees subsequently became

involved in grappling with the

spokesman Col. Ross Smith.

said he would seek an early meeting with Mr. Hawke. "We don't propose to back down from our Justice Minister Robert Badstance over the interests here that have been trampled on in the past few months," he said. Australian security men

### France to toughen anti-racist laws Sunday's rally was the climax of Cheysson, Cultural Affairs Minghen anti-racist laws after what an anti-racist march which began two months ago io Marseilles with

PARIS (R) - France is to toubegan as a march for equality hy 30 people grew Saturday in a rally attracting 60,000 in Paris on the final section of a 1.200 kilometre trek, officials said. Junior Minister for Social Aff-

airs Georgina Dufoix said she would ask parliament for special credits in order to provide finaai nacking for anti-racist cam-

inter will draft a new law definiog racist violence as a crime and enabling anti-racist organisations to initiate court proceedings in such cases. officials added.

little publicity and 30 dem-onstrators, half of them French and half of them children of North African immigrants.

In seveo weeks, three government ministers joined the march, some 700 writers and academics expressed support and Muslim. Christian and Jewish leaders jointly backed the demonstration.

Place de la Bastille, in eastern ernal Relations Minister Claude ate outside Lyons.

ister Jack Lang and Junior Environmeot Minister Huguette Bouchardeau. Eight of those who made the

whole journey were later received by President Francois Mitterrand at the Elysee Palace.

Most political parties on the left and the main unions called on their supporters to take part in the final march while opposition lea ders said they would stay away. The idea for the march came to

Marchers on the final leg from Toumi jaidja, a young Algerian, as he was recovering in hospital Paris, to Mootparnasse, io the after being shot when he intsouth of the capital, included Ext- ervened io a fight at a housing est-

# S. Korea allegedly sinks northern spy boat, captures 2 infiltrators

istry said Sunday South Korean forces captured two armed North Korean infiltrators and sank a northern spy boat Saturday night in after the capture of the two comthe most serious incident involving the two Koreas since the

October Rangoon bomb blast. Gen. Lee Ki-Baek. chairman of the joiot chiefs of staff, said in a the spy boat or the number of statement two North Korean commandos io civilian clothes were spotted while approaching the shore of the city at 10.40 p.m. 11340 GMT) Saturday and were captured after a brief clash.

The two ageots, ideotified as Li Sang-Kyu. 23. and Chun, 27, threw hand greoades and were injured. military officials said. They were admitted to a military hospital in the city where officials said their iojuries were minor. War planes and navy patrol

SEOUL (R) — The defence min- boats, called in to conduct a search, spotted a northern spy boat about nine kilometres south of the city and sank it about 20 mioutes mandos. Gen. Lee said.

There were no casualties oo the southern side, he added.Gen. Lee gave no indication of the size of people aboard. But military officials said troops

seized more than 130 items of equipment, including Czech-made sub-machineguns, a pistol, ammunition, military uniforms, codebooks radio receivers, traosmitters and other communications gear.

The general, who is also head of the couoter-espiooage headquarters, said the infiltration attempt was believed to be aimed at formenting social unrest in the

South by destroying military and other major state installations. He said the action clearly demonstrated the North's intention to take the South by force and imp-

ose communist rule. Following October's bomb blast that killed 17 South Koreans, incloding four cabinet ministers accompanying President Chun Doo Hwan on a visit to Burma, Seoul charged it was part of a plan inteoded to lead to a North Korean

invasion of the South. Seoul officials said the bomb was intended to kill Mr. Chun. If it had succeeded they said they beljeved North Korea would have staged anti-government incidents in the South and used them as a

pretext to invade. Burma has also said North Korea was responsible for the bomb blast.

### thern Australia. 500 families saved in Alabama

BIRMINGHAM: Alabama (R) - Two people were killed Saturday night wheo a tornado ripped through a shopping centre in Oxford, about 90 kilometres from Birmingham, a local television statioo reported. Rescue teams io small boats earlier rescued 5(N). marooned families in the Birmingham area after more than 12 hours of raio caused widespread flooding. The national weather service reported that 13.4 cm of rain fell on Birmingham ove-.

### U.S. magazine told to change names

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut (R) A superior court judge ordered the Yale Literary Magazine, the oldest such publication in the conntry, to change its name. Judge Howard Zoarski agreed with Yale University that the quarterly magazine, first published in 1836, did not represent Yale and must drop the name. Lawyers acting for the magazine said they would appeal.

### Indian expedition off to Antarctic

NEW DELHI (R) — An Indian

expedition has set off to establish a

permanent base in Antarctica, the Press Trust of India news agency said, ft said the 80-member team, the third from India to the frozen continent, left Goz's Mornaugao harbour on a Finnish ice-breaker on a month-long journey to the Antarctic An Indian official has on latitude 72 degrees south and longitude 10 degrees east. They would also establish a combase camp and Indian capital New Delhi, the agency said.

# Pope's visit to S. Korea could make life better for dissidents

Irs planned visit to South Korea next year is heing welcomed by Koreans from all walks of life, including both government officials and political dissidents.

The South Korean Catholic primate, Stephen Cardinal Kim Sou-Hwan, a mild critic of the government, called it "the greatest joy in the 2001-year history of Korean Catholicism", which has been marred hy periods of persecution.

A foreign ministry official said the papal visit from May 3 to 7 next year was " an honour for this nation and carries much political significance." "It will certainly boost the

in the international community," he added. The tour, the first by a Pope to Korea and only the third to an Asian country, will also delight dissidents fighting for human

image of the Korean government

"His holiness's visit will be largely for pastoral purposes. But it could also give moral support to some church people who are running againsr the government with

SEOUL (R) - Pope John Paul their demands for democracy." a church official said.

Relations between government and church have often been soured over human rights, a legacy of the days when Christians were imprisoned by President Park Chung-Hee who was assassinated in 1979.

However, government officials said the Pope's visit would help nurture harmony and cooperatioo between the two sides.

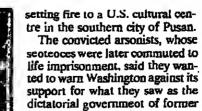
Many people expect that before the Pope arrives the government will show leniency to some of the 400 dissidents that human rights sources say are being held in jail. ... No exact figures are available. but the sources say the number would be much higher if those detained without charge were inc-

South Korea, which recognises oo state religion, has almost 12 million Buddhists, 2 million Catholics, more than seven million protestants, more than five million Confucians and about two million people adhering to various indigenous faiths.

of Buddhist lay believers.

world are trying to prevent war and undue sacrifice and promote world peace, regardless of difference in religion. We know Pope John Paul has been doing just

oumber of Protestant and Catholic leaders last year after they issued a statement criticising the United States' role in South Korea The visit will be welcome to and demanding lemency for two virtually all of the 40 million peo- dissidents senteoced to death for



A Catholic priest was jailed for three years for sheltering the fugitive arsonists, but was released in August under a presidential amn-

Cardinal Kim said the most important aspect of the Pope's visit for the church was that, for the first time outside the Vatican, he would preside over a can-

onisation. He will make saints of 103 beatified Catholics martyred by the conservative Korean kingdom during the 18th and 19th centuries. They included 10 French missionaries, but the rest were Koreans, only one of them a cle-

'This is where the Korean church is unique. That is, in Korea vastly more lay people were martyred than clergy," said a Korean

archbishop. "Catholicism here also grew first at the hands of Koreans themselves 200 years ago and not of Western missionaries." Cardinal Kim said because of Pope John Paul's special love of Koreans, the martyrs were being exempted from having had to perarmy general President Chun Doo

> before becoming saints. Following the canonisations South Korea will have the fourth largest oumber of saints of any

> form at least two proven miracles

country. "Maybe the Pope feels particular attachment to Koreans because he is from a communist country [Poland]. Perhaps he understands the communist North Korean military threat against the South," a Catholic student said.

Apostolic pro-nuncio Francesco Monterisi said in a newspaper interview: "The holy father is also expected to address our brothers in (communist) North said the team would set up a per-Korea on the achievement of manent research station at a point peace and reconciliation between the two Koreas."

The South Korean government has cited a North Korean threat to munications link between their justify its allow pace of democratic development.

If we were asked to vote ior the best bridge player we have eocountered, at least nne nf us would vote for the late Heleo Sobel Smith. By today's standards her hidding might bave left snmetbing to be desired (iodeed, there ware some even tbeo wbo criticized it), but no ooe played or defended a hand better. Here's an example from the 1951 Spingold no nne better!

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### Team Champiooship, won by the Goren team. After Helen opeoed nne diamnod and North made a

takeout double, North-South arrived at a cootract of two bearts. The same contract was reached by the Goren team in the other room, and eight tricks were duly made. Helen made the oormal lead of the king of diamonds and, after receiving ao aocouraging signal from East. continued with the ace and iack. Declarer did not want to wastn one of dummy's trump hnonra by ruffing high, and there aeemed to be no point to ruffing hw, ao ho discarded a club from dummy. Gnren signalled with the eight of clubs. Helen needed no mnre to come up with the winning defense.

At trick four she shifted to a low club. Goreo won the king and returend a club to his partner's ace. Now Helen reverted to a fourth diamond, and declarer had no couoter. He sluffed a spade from dummy. East cooperated with his partoer's fine defeose by ruffing with the

The uppercut succeeded. Declarer had to overruff with the queen and, since Wast held the J-8-6 of trumps over declarer's 9-7-5, there was no way to prevent West from scoriog a trump for the setting trick.

Now we know that bridge is a game full of male chauvinists. But ask any expert who encountered Helen over tha green baize, and we are prepared to bet that they will tell you that there was



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ple in this country, with or without religion." said Park Wan-II, head "All religious leaders of the

The authorities questioned a